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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 7/31/68,
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Set forth below is pertinent information regarding subject organization as furnished by [redacted] on 7/24/68 and 8/6/68: (X) (U)

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The Revolutionary Union or Red Union (RU) is a recently organized group. The name has not as yet been publicized but this is the name chosen by the group which comprises a covert organization at the present time. The purpose of this group is to form a revolutionary group adhering to the line of the Chinese Communist Party, and its aims are to install this Chinese Communist Party line into the political situation in the United States. The RU was formed in January or February, 1968, and LEIBEL BERGMAN and BRUCE FRANKLIN, a professor at Stanford University, were instrumental in organizing the group. Source himself started attending [redacted]

[redacted]
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There were approximately [redacted] present on that occasion and the following individuals were known to the source: (X) (U)

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BRUCE FRANKLIN [redacted]

LEIBEL BERGMAN [redacted]

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This group had its fourth meeting a month later during [redacted] at [redacted] in [redacted]

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At this fourth meeting [redacted]

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The group held its fifth meeting at [redacted] in San Francisco. [redacted] is an old-time Communist Party, USA member and a [redacted] in San Francisco. [redacted] was not present at this (X) (U)

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fifth meeting [redacted]

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The San Francisco area meetings, which are attended by the source, are held every week or two at various places but usually at [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] San Francisco. There is another individual residing at this address, [redacted]

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[redacted] Source believes that [redacted] will be invited to join the Red Union. Source pointed out that it was necessary to have two of the present members vouch for an individual before the new member was permitted to enter the group. Individuals attending the San Francisco area group meetings on a regular basis are: (X) (U)

[redacted]
LEIBEL BERGMAN

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[redacted]
EARL VON HERMANN

According to source, BERGMAN and [redacted] are on the Executive Board and are the individuals arranging for the meetings. [redacted] generally acts as chairman at the meetings but to date it is a loose operation and they have no elected officers. Source [redacted] and stated that [redacted]

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In addition to the San Francisco group, which source believes to be the smallest, there is a group of the RU in Palo Alto and two groups in the East Bay area. The Executive Board of the Palo Alto group consists of BRUCE FRANKLIN and [redacted] Source stated that the Palo Alto group evidently has some training in the use of (X) (U)

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firearms as BRUCE FRANKLIN reportedly teaches the use of a rifle to members of this group at the County Rifle Range in Pacifica, California. [redacted] reportedly assists in firearms training. (X) (U)

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Source indicated that the East Bay group of the RU would probably have the following individuals on the Executive Board but he is not sure who would be the actual leader:

LARRY HARRIS
[redacted]

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VERN BAUN

Current information would reflect that there are two RU groups in the East Bay area, one led by LARRY HARRIS, the other concentrating in the trade union area by VERN BAUN with the assistance of [redacted] and [redacted]. Membership in the HARRIS and BAUN groups may overlap.

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The RU, according to source, is basically a Marxist-Leninist organization, revolutionary in character, and believing in the use of force and violence to overthrow the present political system in the United States and effect radical changes in this nation. The group believes in the necessity of violent revolution and open guerrilla warfare but only when the time for such action is right. The members have practiced and have read up on guerrilla warfare techniques and LEIBEL BERGMAN himself has expressed his opposition to gun control laws since such would make it more difficult for the RU to obtain firearms. (X) (U)

The organization basically is led and guided by BERGMAN, EARL VON HERMANN, LARRY HARRIS and VERN BAUN. All are basically old-time Stalinists of the 1930's who believe in and advocate the STALIN brand of communism of the 1930's and advocate the use of force and violence in general. They typify the classic conception of the communist in black coat and slouch hat hiding behind the bushes with a lighted bomb. They advocate a type of communism practiced long before the general membership of the RU were born and the youthful members consider this ancient history and have no conception of what they are talking about. These leaders look to Red China because the Marxist-Leninist road of China is closest to that of STALIN. However, China does have the ability to meet the youth on the youths level of political awareness. The young

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membership, however, at times appear impatient with the monolithic party structure advocated by BERGMAN and it appears that this situation in the future may cause a split in the RU.

Some effort is made to make the RU appear to be a democratic organization, however, with BERGMAN on the executive committee his desires usually prevail. The meetings themselves consist mainly in discussion of preassigned reading material, which material for the most part is in the "Works of Mao Tse-tung." To date the group has read and discussed "On Contradiction" and "Combat Liberalism." The reading selection for the following meeting is usually chosen by the membership.

In connection with the San Francisco local of the RU, source advised that [redacted] and [redacted] have engaged in firearms practice and guerrilla warfare techniques at the Point Reyes Park in Marin County. (X) (U)

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Within the San Francisco local, EARL VON HERMANN acts as BERGMAN's lieutenant and recently made the statement that he wanted to obtain a M-1 carbine. (X) (U)

The present activity of the RU is to form a radical caucus within the Peace and Freedom Party to push for the presidential candidacy of ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party. Three members of the San Francisco local RU, [redacted] and [redacted] are close to and work with the Black Panther Party, a radical violence prone black nationalist organization.

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[redacted] was questioned as to the possibility that in view of the revolutionary character of the RU, LEIBEL BERGMAN might consider sending any of the members to Cuba, Africa or Latin American countries for revolutionary training, and source stated that BERGMAN might consider sending some to China for such training. Source indicated that nothing concrete has been mentioned in this regard though it has been mentioned in general terms that some of the membership may go to Red China in 1969 in connection with the 20th anniversary of the Chinese revolution.

With the exception of [redacted] all of the individuals mentioned by source as members or leaders of the RU, are well known to San Francisco for their activities in the Communist Party, PLP and in the case of [redacted] who is a member in SDS, VDC and other left organizations and activities.

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It is being emphatically brought to the attention of the Bureau that the information set forth below, while substantially corroborating information furnished by [redacted] does not in any way corroborate the nature of the association between the various individuals nor does it in any way corroborate the violent and revolutionary nature of the RU as furnished by [redacted]

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Membership in the San Francisco local of the RU, as furnished by [redacted] has been in some measure corroborated by [redacted] and by fixed fisur at [redacted] San Francisco, on 8/12/68. [redacted] has also corroborated the existence of a relationship between LEIBEL BERGMAN and BRUCE FRANKLIN, between BERGMAN and VERN HERMANN, HARRIS and BAUN, and this source has also indicated that meetings are held in the East Bay area by LARRY HARRIS and VERN BAUN. On 8/6/68, [redacted] indicated that there would be a meeting at [redacted] [redacted] that this meeting did indeed take place was corroborated by spot fisur and the automobile of [redacted] was observed in the immediate vicinity of [redacted] (S)(S) (U)

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Because the information set forth above comes from a single source and because the revolutionary character of this organization has not been corroborated by any other source to date, no report is being submitted at this time.

Every effort is being made to determine the full extent of the activities of the RU and its individual members.

Due to the revolutionary character of the RU, as reported by [redacted] it is realized that we must endeavor to penetrate this organization with other live member sources and this office is evaluating its informants and sources, particularly in the new left organizations, in order to determine likely sources to target against this organization.

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In view of the nature of the RU, a domestic non-Chinese Marxist-Leninist group espousing the militant communism of MAO Tse-tung, the Bureau may wish to consider designating a new classification, Security Matter - Chinese, in connection with individual members of the RU, while the RU, as an organization, will continue to carry the IT-SUS character. It is believed by San Franciscans that the RU, as a Security Matter - Chinese, would be considered a threat to the security of the individual members. It is also true to "domestic security" - on this subject

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in individual cases does not correctly mirror the true picture because the individuals are not working on behalf of China but merely look to China as the model of the correct revolutionary Marxist-Leninist line.

Two copies of this communication are being furnished to Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, Minneapolis and Albuquerque, which offices are requested to thoroughly review files and ascertain whether or not any sources are available who could logically be targeted against BERGMAN and the RU. (S) (U)

On 8/6/68, [redacted] advised that BERGMAN has other interests outside of the RU, the nature of which interests are unknown to source. However, BERGMAN did advise source that he has been contacting former STALIN-oriented Communist Party members in various parts of the country in order to attempt to reactivate them. In view of BERGMAN's utilization of old-time CP members, VON HERMANN, HARRIS and BAUN, within his local organization, it is highly likely that these contacts with old CP members could be in the nature of attempts to have them organize and guide youth groups similar to the RU. Source stated that BERGMAN, on 8/5/68, specifically mentioned [redacted] [redacted] who was formerly active in the CP in the [redacted] area. BERGMAN spoke highly of [redacted] and indicated great liking for him. (S) (U)

[redacted] has indicated that BERGMAN has been in contact with [redacted] of [redacted] and that she visited with him in San Francisco. Source has also indicated that BERGMAN is acquainted with [redacted] in the [redacted] area. (S) (U)

It is also noted that BERGMAN was formerly very active in the CP in the Minneapolis - St. Paul area and may have re-established contact with former CP members in that area.

In view of the above, it is believed that toll call checks on [redacted] and [redacted] may be of value in indicating whether or not they are engaged in activities similar to BERGMAN. Recipient offices are further requested to review files on former active and revolutionary CP members with a view to determine which ones might be logical contacts for BERGMAN in his efforts to establish the RU on a nation-wide basis.

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Due to the sensitivity of the BERGMAN investigation and the necessity of protecting the identity of [redacted] recipient offices are cautioned that no mention of RU or LEIBEL BERGMAN should be made in any communication for dissemination outside the Bureau.

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San Francisco will follow this matter closely and will continue efforts to direct live sources against the RU. San Francisco will also consider requesting technical coverage on the leaders of the various RU groups in addition to that coverage already established on LEIBEL BERGMAN.

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It is further suggested that the Bureau may wish to bring the revolutionary character of the RU to the attention of the Attorney General in connection with the request for misur coverage on LEIBEL BERGMAN, inasmuch as informant advised meetings have been held at [redacted]

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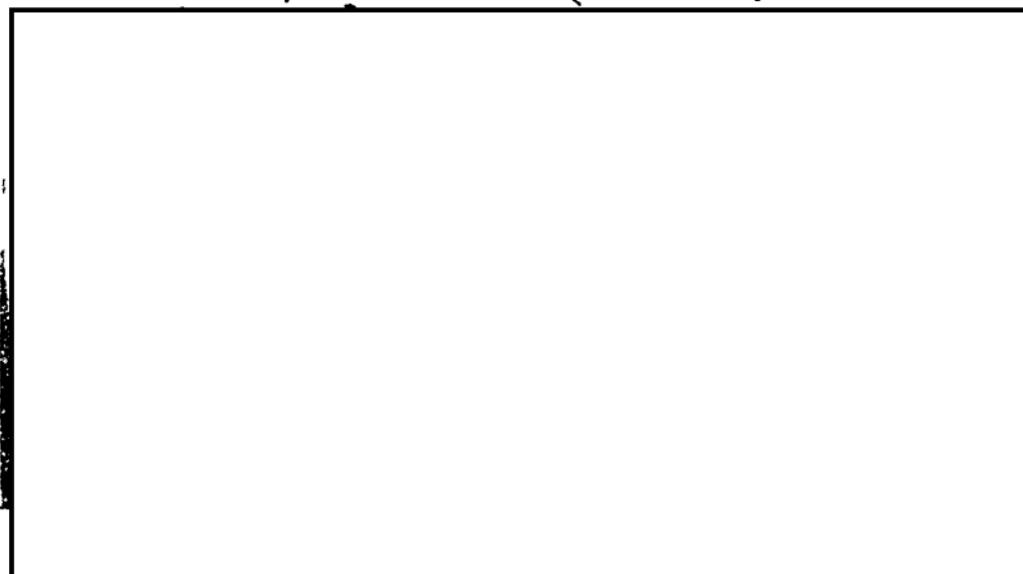
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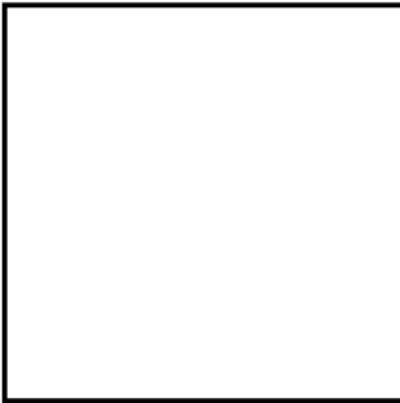
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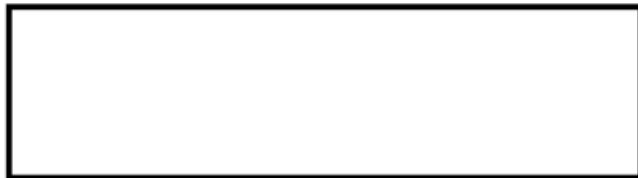
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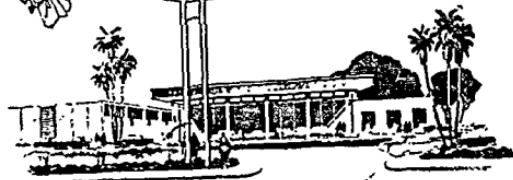
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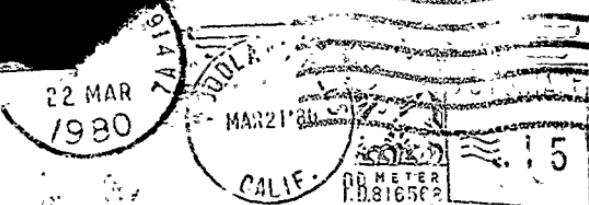


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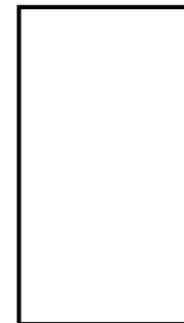
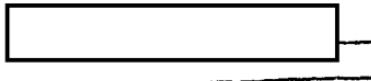
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NEW RCP's New Draft Programme, Draft Constitution Published BATTLE PLAN FOR REVOLUTION!

"Seize the day, seize the hour." These words of Mao Tsetung sum up and conclude the new Draft Programme of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA. Together with a new Draft Constitution these documents hit the streets on March 8, 1980. They hit in a time of growing turmoil, a time of Afghanistan, Iran, of growing crisis and preparations for a world war.

Piercing through all this is a declaration of war—revolutionary war—a call to action and a battle plan for destroying the old and creating the new. This is the Programme and Constitution of a Party that has analyzed today's situation and the underlying forces and come to the conclusion that the time when things ripen may be very close—within the next decade. Our Party is now preparing—preparing to seize the time when the time is ripe to smash this rack of capitalism before it makes another torturing round. We do not intend to miss the opportunity.

Nor are we preparing simply to fight and then lose. Revolution does not come out of nowhere. Today we are battling out the possibility of winning in the future. That is not only the significance behind this programme and constitution, but behind why they are appearing now—as May Day Brigades take to the streets and the battle shapes up that will result in thousands of workers and others across the country on the streets on May 1st—International Workers Day. This May Day battle, the study and use of the Programme and Constitution, and all the actions of the advanced, will in no small part determine how far along we are and whether we are able to break through all the way when conditions fully ripen and the opportunity for revolution is there to seize.

In this light, the purpose and nature of this new Draft Programme stands out starkly! It urgently calls attention to and analyzes the immediate situation facing the working class and masses in this country, in the context of the world situation and world struggle. It sharply indicates the only road forward out of

**NEW
PROGRAMME
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NEW
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COMMUNIST
PARTY, USA**



(DRAFTS FOR DISCUSSION)
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this proletarian revolution—by making a clear and concrete summation of what such a revolution will mean. The Programme spells out how the proletarian revolution, upon achieving success and winning power, will deal with the needs and demands of the masses of people and with the world situation we face.

Of course communists are not fortune tellers, and this Programme cannot and does not say precisely what *immediate* problems will have to be addressed, in what order and relation to each other, and every concrete and specific step that will be required to bring about a revolutionary resolution of a revolutionary crisis.

But it can—and does—address the basic questions we can already see shaping up. How will unemployment be eliminated? Discrimination and national oppression? The oppression of women? How will agriculture be dealt with? How will industry be organized? Given the likelihood of world war, how will the revolutionary government get out of it? What will be the policies toward education, culture, the rights of the people? All these urgent questions are addressed—their solutions are indicated.

The constitution deals with the basic line of the Party, its principles, the tasks and duties of the Party and Party members in relation to the historical task of revolution and communism and to the masses of people who must carry out that task.

This new Programme and Constitution are themselves the product of a revolutionary process. They are not the first, but the second, programme and constitution of our Party in the 5 years of its existence. The previous ones, we can now see, had many shortcomings. But the need to change these documents should not be seen mainly negatively. Instead it is a real advance, breaking with not only our own past errors, but even more importantly with tendencies which have existed throughout the history of the communist move-

ment internationally—a movement which, in many parts, has been caked with a thick layer of crusty reformism. These tendencies, more like a gross disease in the case of the old C.P. in the USA, have prevented any serious preparation for revolution in this country.

There have also been big changes in the world. Most importantly the world situation has sharpened greatly, underlining the urgency of a thoroughly revolutionary line and programme, one that will stand up through the storms.

Another of the great changes has been the reversal of the revolution in China with the reactionary coup after the death of Mao Tsetung. This was a major setback, but it also put revolutionaries worldwide to the test—to go down the drain with the revisionists or to advance in another wave. As with all such tests, the revolutionary movement internationally and in this country has split—with part going each road. But our Party in particular, after much struggle, has emerged much stronger, more united around the revolutionary leadership of its Chairman, Bob Avakian, and much broader in its revolutionary influence. This is as it must be, because we must all race from behind to catch up.

These documents are drafts, weapons in preparation. We are spreading them widely and deeply so that many among the working class and others oppressed by this monster, imperialism, will seriously study them, take them up and help sharpen them. By the beginning of April, the Spanish language drafts will be ready and the process of circulating these drafts will go on for a short time after May First.

Study these drafts, write us, meet with us to criticize and strengthen them—and unite with us to carry them out!

Central Committee,
Revolutionary Communist Party, USA

May 1st, International Workers Day! Take History Into Our Hands!

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNITE—In Iran, Around the World and Here at Home the Flames of Revolution Are Spreading!

DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM and the Exploitation, National Oppression and Inequality It Thrives On!

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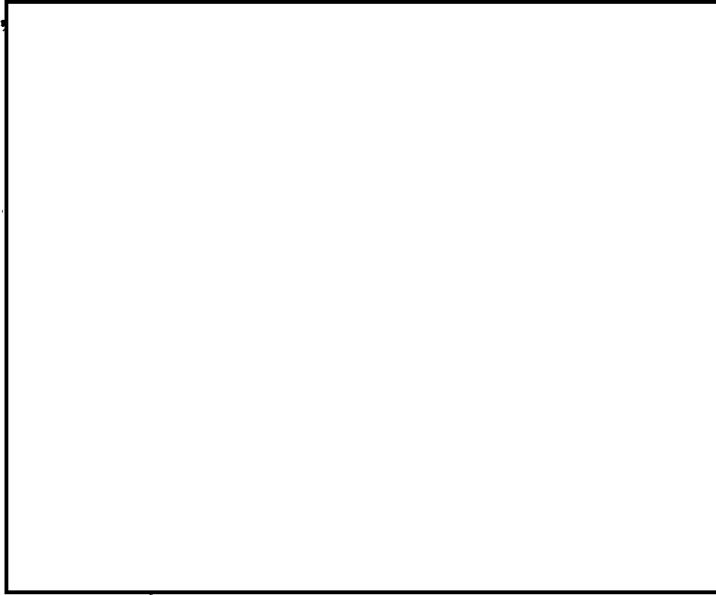
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA Frank L. Belsante

Three (3) copies each of HCIS report relating to RU and its off-shoots, the Venceremos Organization (VO).

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Title and Character of Case

REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
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Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA Frank Belsante

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 10-6-65)

Date 1-5-74

Title and Character of Case

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Date Property Acquired Source From Which Property Acquired

1-5-74 [redacted] b7D
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA J.B. Reid

One (1) copy MU book "Norwood Workers Fight GM&O".

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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Date 1-5-74

Title and Character of Case

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Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
<u>1-9-74</u>	[Redacted]
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
<u>Bulky exhibit room</u>	<u>Reference</u>

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RU publication "The Red Papers"

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Date 11/25/75

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REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY
IS-RCP
OO: CHICAGO

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Various	SA Richard Keith Bell

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Exhibit Room	Reference

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA Richard Keith Bell

Running publications of the newspaper "Revolution".

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SAC, San Francisco (100-61281)

August 29, 1968

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Red Union
INTERNAL SECURITY - RU

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The character of this investigation has been changed for Bureau routing purposes from Internal Security - China (IS - CH) to Internal Security - Revolutionary Union (IS - RU).

ReSFairtel 8/15/68 setting out background on the Revolutionary Union (RU).

Bulet to San Francisco 8/14/68, copies not furnished other offices, instructed that because of the radical and covert character of the RU, and its reported fanatical nature, the organization and its membership must be afforded expeditious investigation and all pertinent information must be disseminated to the Department and interested agencies at an early date. Information incorporated into reports and other communications to be disseminated outside the Bureau may be paraphrased and classified in a manner to protect sources, techniques and the continuing sensitive investigations of both the RU and suspected Chicom agent Leibel Bergman. Bulet 8/14/68 instructed San Francisco to submit a summary of all information developed relating to the RU within 30 days and an investigative report within 60 days. (S)

ReSFairtel 8/15/68 will suffice as the requested summary and San Francisco should submit an investigative report suitable for dissemination on the RU on or before 10/14/68.

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San Francisco should also promptly submit characterizations of the RV and members, prepared in a manner to protect informants, sensitive techniques, and operations, to the Bureau and interested offices. ~~(S)~~

Extensive information developed through [redacted] and Chinese informants should be incorporated, if appropriate as necessary, into the RV report and reporting RV findings. ~~(S)~~

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Those not already on the Security Index, identified by numbers must be promptly recommended for inclusion and tabbed to indicate a Chinese connection. Current reports should be also prepared on all members who have been identified as participating in firearms and/or guerrilla warfare training and where appropriate these should include a prearranged statement indicating the subject's propensity for violence.

Careful consideration has been given to San Francisco's suggestion that the character "Security Matter - China (中-安)" be established for individual members of the RV. Generally speaking, a country or nationality designation in the character of an investigation, as opposed to an organizational designation, indicates an affiliation or intelligence association with a foreign nation as the principal. However, past Bureau practice has utilized the character as primarily to investigation of members of domestic subversive groups. The Bureau sees no advantage at this time in adopting the new character "中安."

The Bureau investigation, because of its function which intelligence ramifications, should continue to carry the "10-47" character. As the RV is a domestic pro-Chinese oriented group, the new "10-47" character is being designated as noted in the caption of this letter. Future reports on individual RV numbers, assigning RV membership to the principal or most significant activity, should contain the character "Security Matter - RV (安-中)" except if the member is designated as a Top Ranker when the character would be "Internal Security - RV (安-内)." ~~(S)~~

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 10/18/68

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72077) (P)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka
Red Guard
IS - REVOLUTIONARY UNION
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau 8/15/68; Bureau letters to San Francisco dated 8/29/68 and 10/7/68; and Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 10/4/68.

The following contact was made in the Los Angeles area by individuals which may possibly be connected with the Revolutionary Union (RU).

On 10/15/68, [redacted] (conceal),
[redacted] advised that on [redacted] a
meeting was held at [redacted]

California. The [redacted]

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[redacted] The meeting was attended by eight individuals from the Los Angeles area. Four individuals from the San Francisco-Oakland area also attended the meeting. These individuals would only give their first names, [redacted] and [redacted]. These individuals are believed to have arrived at the meeting in a vehicle bearing California license [redacted] registered to [redacted]
[redacted] California.

[redacted] acted as leader during the meeting and said we are here from the collective. We should introduce ourselves but we are only going to give our first names. We made the trip down here on other business and decided to combine it with this meeting. [redacted] described the collective as a large group and said although we have not gone out to enlarge

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the group, it has grown by people coming to us. We study four to five hours each day. I see that there was a great effort on the part of your group to read the papers we sent down in a very short time. [redacted] remarked, we want you people to know that the revolution which is on the agenda will not accomplish that which we want it to do. We are a determined force. [redacted] indicated he had attended some PLP activities in the past. The [redacted] indicated they had been in contact with the San Francisco-Oakland Group by mail.

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On one occasion, [redacted] accidentally referred to [redacted] as [redacted]

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The following descriptive data was obtained:

Number 1

Name [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Characteristics [redacted]
Sex Male
Race White
Height [redacted]
Build [redacted]

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Name [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Characteristics [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Weight [redacted]
Sex Male
Race White

(LNU)

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Name [redacted]
Age [redacted]
Hair [redacted]
Characteristics [redacted]
Height [redacted]
Build [redacted]
Sex Female
Race White

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Number 4

Name	
Age	
Hair	
Height	
Build	
Sex	Female
Race	White

(LNU)

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct appropriate investigation to identify the four individuals from the San Francisco-Oakland area and their organizational affiliation.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue investigation to determine the nature of this new group and identity of the individuals involved.

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REPORTING OFFICE <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>	DATE <u>10/17/68</u>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <u>7/24 - 10/11/68</u>
TITLE OF CASE ✓ <u>REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka Red Union</u>		REPORT MADE BY <u>BERTRAM WORTHINGTON</u>	TYPED BY <u>med</u>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <u>IS -RU</u>	

REFERENCES: Bulet, 8/14/68.
SF airtels 8/15 and 8/28/68.
Bulets 8/29, 9/5, and 9/11/68.

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This report is classified "~~SECRET~~" to protect the identities of [] and [] as well as the highly sensitive LEIBEL BERGMAN intelligence investigation.

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In dissemination of this report at SOG, it is requested that it be accompanied by a caution that due to the covert nature of the RU, no action should be taken by recipient agencies which would indicate our knowledge of or investigative interest in the RU.

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On 10/8/68, [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED]
as a member of the RU and tentatively identified one [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who are members of the RU. It is
believed that [REDACTED] is in reality [REDACTED]
a radical activist at [REDACTED]

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Unsub [REDACTED] (LNU), possibly [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is believed to be [REDACTED] a known
contact of BRUCE FRANKLIN. (X) (U)

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At this time there are two unsub members of the
RU: [REDACTED] (LNU) of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (LNU) of the
[REDACTED] and investigation is continuing to identify
these individuals. (X) (U)

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ReBulet, 9/11/68, on Page 2, requested that it
be determined whether or not [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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are members of the RU. [REDACTED] has been specifically
questioned on this point and has advised that these individuals
are not members of the RU. (X) (U)

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Copies are being disseminated locally to Secret Service, 115th MIG, NISO, and OSI, along with the appropriate caution.

In the interests of continuity, all characterizations of individuals have been included in the "Membership" section of this report.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

In order to more completely conceal [redacted] identity, [redacted]
[redacted] has been covered by three T symbols:

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Characterization of
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Characterization of
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Summary of information
furnished by [Redacted]

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Characterization of [Redacted]

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LARRY HARRIS

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VERN BAUN

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Characterization of
VERN BAUN

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"GERTRUDE LOUISE LATZ
ALEXANDER," was SM-C

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GERTRUDE ALEXANDER

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Will continue to follow the activities of the RU and its individual members and will continue efforts to identify unsub [] and unsub [] (X) (U)

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[] and [] (LNU) from [] recently residing in San Francisco, are being considered for membership in the RU and investigation is being conducted to identify them. (X) (U)

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Report of: BERTRAM WORTHINGTON Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 10/17/68

Field Office File #: 100-61281 Bureau File #: [redacted]

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Title: REVOLUTIONARY UNION

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - REVOLUTIONARY UNION

Synopsis:

Revolutionary Union organized early 1968 as a covert Marxist-Leninist group following the line of the Chinese Communist Party. The ultimate aim of Revolutionary Union is overthrow of U.S. Government. The Revolutionary Union advocates the use of force and violence and open guerrilla warfare. Organization, financial status, ideology, education and information regarding advocacy of force and violence set out. Members identified and pertinent information regarding individual members set out. (S)(U)

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DETAILS

This investigation was predicated upon information furnished by SF T-1 in July, 1968, that a covert Marxist-Leninist organization, the Revolutionary Union, known to its membership as the Red Union (RU) was formed in January or February, 1968, and advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. (S)(U)

The information set forth below was furnished during the period July 24 through October 8, 1968 (SF T-1, T-2 & T-4). (S)(U)

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I. ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

The Revolutionary Union, commonly known to its members as the Red Union, was formed in January or February, 1968, by LEIBEL BERGMAN and HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN as a covert Marxist-Leninist (M-L) group following the line of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and seeking to instill the line of the CCP into the political situation in the United States.

The ultimate aim of the RU is to overthrow the present form of government in the United States and the institutions of this nation and replace it with a society based upon the tenets of MARX and LENIN as interpreted by MAO TSE-TUNG, chairman of the Central Committee of the CCP. To achieve this purpose, the RU believes in and advocates the use of force and violence in the form of open guerrilla warfare.

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II. ORGANIZATION

From its inception until June, 1968, the RU met as a group in the homes of various individuals, but at the fifth meeting it was decided that the group was becoming too large and should be broken down into smaller groups. As currently organized, the RU consists of three groups or locals -- San Francisco, Palo Alto, and East Bay -- which meet individually. (X) (U)

Periodically the three groups meet together in an area meeting, the last such meeting being held on September 8, 1968. Each group has an Executive Committee of two, and the San Francisco Local has a treasurer. The six individuals comprising the local Executive Committees form the Area Executive Committee. (X) (U)

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III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Area Executive Committee is composed of the two members of the Executive Committee of each of the three locals as follows:

LEIBEL BERGMAN and [redacted]
San Francisco

[redacted] and [redacted]
East Bay

BRUCE FRANKLIN and [redacted]
Palo Alto

Members of this committee do not hold individual titles though [redacted] may be considered the [redacted]

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Meetings of the Area Executive Committee of the RU are held clandestinely under the guise of picnics somewhere on the San Francisco Peninsula. (S) (U)

SF T-3, 8/6 & 7/68 (S) (U)

IV. FINANCES

The RU has no financial backing outside of dues collected from the membership. Dues are assessed at 3 per cent per annum of income after taxes, and LEIBEL BERGMAN, who is unemployed, contributes \$10.00 per month. The locals collect and maintain their own dues but contribute one-third to the area organization. The RU as an organization has no bank account. [redacted] of the San Francisco Local, reportedly [redacted]

[redacted] and last reported the San Francisco Local [redacted] as of September, 1968. (S) (U)

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V. IDEOLOGY AND EDUCATION

The RU is basically a militant M-L organization, revolutionary in character, and believing in the use of force and violence to overthrow the present political system in the United States and effect radical changes in this nation. The membership believes in the necessity of violent revolution and open guerrilla warfare but only when the time is right. There is no known direct connection between the RU and the CCP, however the RU is Peking orientated in that it looks to Red China as the model of the correct revolutionary M-L line, and the weekly education classes are based upon the works of MAO TSE-TUNG.

Nothing definite has been stated, but there has been general discussion in the RU as to the possibility of sending some RU members to Red China in 1969 in connection with the 20th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

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Ideological leadership in the RU is given by LEIBEL BERGMAN, EARL VON HERMANN, LARRY HARRIS, and VERN BAUN, all former long-time members of the Communist Party U.S.A. (CPUSA), who broke with the CP at the time of the Sino-Soviet split. These four men are hard-line Stalinists and advocate the revolutionary Marxism-Leninism of the 1930's. The youthful membership of the RU is sometimes impatient with the monolithic, authoritarian and dogmatic Stalinism of BERGMAN, who advocates a brand of Marxism-Leninism, recounts experiences and cites examples that predate the birth of most of the RU membership; however these men have the ability to meet the youth on the youth's level of political awareness.

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[redacted] a member of the RU, has characterized LEIBEL BERGMAN as the Ideological Leader. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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The San Francisco Local of the RU holds weekly education classes on Tuesday evenings, generally at [redacted] San Francisco. Discussion at these classes is based upon pre-assigned readings in the works of MAO TSE-TUNG. As of September 25, 1968, the following works of MAO have been read and discussed:

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"On Contradiction"

"Combat Liberalism" (X) (U)

"The Role of the Chinese Communist Party in the National War" (X) (U)

Some writings of STALIN have also been utilized.

LEIBEL BERGMAN does not, as a rule, attend the education classes of the San Francisco Local, which classes are held under the leadership of [redacted]. BERGMAN appears to trust [redacted] and believes that the latter has a thorough grasp of Marxism-Leninism and hews to the correct line or interpretation. The STALIN texts are borrowed by the RU membership wherever they can obtain them. The Chinese material is usually purchased in person by [redacted] from China Books and Periodicals on 24th Street, San Francisco. (X) (U)

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For information on China Books and Periodicals, see Appendix. (X) (U)

The San Francisco Local education class on September 24, 1968, was held at [redacted] and was based on pre-assigned reading from MAO TSE-TUNG's "The Role of the Chinese Communist Party in the National War." The discussion centered on the United Front and the control of the United Front by the CP. One can easily see that there are various shades of definitions among the RU membership. LEIBEL BERGMAN defines such concepts as

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democracy and freedom along the straight CP lines of the party schools he attended in the 1930's, while the youthful members have a glowing, idealized Utopian definition. (X) (U)

The reception of theory in the classes is quite varied. [redacted] is very eager and perceptive; [redacted] intelligent and well read, takes an active, if not overly enthusiastic part; [redacted] on the other hand, is impatient and would prefer to devote the time to studying MAO on guerrilla warfare and interpreting MAO in the light of the situation and conditions in the United States. (X) (U)

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VI. BELIEF IN FORCE AND VIOLENCE

Members of the RU have read up on and practiced guerrilla warfare techniques, and LEIBEL BERGMAN, founder and mentor of the RU, has expressed his opposition to gun control laws since such would make it more difficult for the RU to obtain firearms.

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EARL VON HERMANN, of the San Francisco Local of the RU, has stated that any traitor to the RU would be killed. VON HERMANN, an old time Stalinist, talks in terms of violence and murder and stated that he wants to obtain a M-1 carbine. (X) (U)

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On August 3, 1968, [redacted] a member of the RU, stated that he and [redacted] had found a good place to practice shooting in a remote area at [redacted] California, and had practiced there during the previous week. (X) (U)

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The Palo Alto Local of the RU evidently has had some training in the use of firearms since BRUCE FRANKLIN,

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Executive of that group, reportedly teaches the use of the rifle to members of the group at a county rifle range in Pacifica, California. [redacted] also assists in this training. (X) (U)

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On August 17, 1968, [redacted] BRUCE FRANKLIN, and FRANKLIN's [redacted] attended a weapons show in Palo Alto, California, not as gun enthusiasts, but with a view toward purchasing weapons for the RU and the Black Panther Party (BPP). (X) (U)

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A characterization of the BPP is found in the Appendix.

The Palo Alto Local of the RU, under the leadership of BRUCE FRANKLIN, recently organized the Citizen's Committee to Defend the Second Amendment (CCDSA), utilizing a Redwood City, California, address. The purpose of the CCSA is to combat the passage of any gun control laws and according to FRANKLIN has had quite a lot of success with the petitions it has already passed around. FRANKLIN indicated that signers of the petitions included Minutemen, members of the John Birch Society, gun buffs, and sportsmen. In connection with the CCSA, LEIBEL BERGMAN made the remark that oftentimes the extreme right wing can be a valuable recruiting ground for the CP once its members have become politically aroused. (X) (U)

SF T-1 (X) (U)

At the area meeting of the RU in September, 1968, BRUCE FRANKLIN reported on the progress of the CCSA, obviously pleased with the progress of the group. This report was the cause of a violent verbal clash between FRANKLIN and BERGMAN, who wants the Palo Alto group to "cool" such activities. In the ensuing argument, it was clear that FRANKLIN and his Palo Alto Local believe that the revolution should start tomorrow and are sincerely interested in obtaining and using firearms. BERGMAN, on the other hand, believes in the use of force and violence in theory and ideology, but only when the time is right

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for this tactic. BERGMAN appeared to appreciate and fear the harm precipitant action would cause in the context of the swing to the right among the general public. The East Bay group, on the whole, was neutral on this question, though LARRY HARRIS expressed agreement with BERGMAN. (X) (U)

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On September 17, 1968, BRUCE FRANKLIN discussed in general terms the acquisition of firearms and suggested that such could be obtained by stealing them from the right wing organizations such as the Minutemen. FRANKLIN also mentioned the possibility of stealing weapons from an armory. FRANKLIN mentioned an instance when he was driving down the highway and observed an Army truck in front of him with the back end open. FRANKLIN observed several M-16 rifles in racks in the truck and noted that the weapons were unattended. At this time FRANKLIN also stated that he has engaged in firearms practice but when queried as to where merely stated, "Just around." (X) (U)

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VII. RECRUITMENT

The RU is continuing active attempts to recruit new members among the militant new left groups in the Bay Area. Recruitment is on two levels -- local and area. The local groups, on the recommendations of two members, may recruit promising individuals who are not widely known as left wing activists; however, if a candidate is a well-known activist, his candidacy must be handled on an area level.

The San Francisco Local does considerable recruiting in the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP).

The PFP is an anti-Vietnam War party which has obtained sufficient signatures to be on the ballot in California for the elections of November, 1968.

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The Palo Alto Local looks to the Peninsula Red Guards as a recruiting ground. In the Palo Alto area, the Peninsula Red Guard and the RU are somewhat analogous to the Young Communist League and the CP.

The Young Communist League and the CP both have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Peninsula Red Guard was formed by BRUCE FRANKLIN at Stanford University during 1967. It consists of approximately 15 groups of from five to six individuals per group. No one in any group knows the membership of any other group. The 15 group leaders meet with BRUCE FRANKLIN. The Red Guards study the works of MAO TSE-TUNG and endeavor to apply his dictums to the United States situation. They believe in the use of force and violence and in guerrilla warfare. The M-L understanding of the Red Guard on the whole is on a quite low level. (X)(U)

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VIII. MEETINGS

The San Francisco Local of the RU holds regular meetings every second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Generally, these meetings were held at [redacted] San Francisco, but the meetings of September 11, 1968, and September 25, 1968, were held in the home of [redacted] San Francisco, and the meeting of October 9, 1968, is scheduled to be held in the home of [redacted] San Francisco. The main topics of discussion at these meetings has been the role of the RU in the Peace and Freedom Party and the work of the RU with the BPP. (X)(U)

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At the RU meeting on September 11, 1968, chaired by LEIBEL BERGMAN, the main topics of discussion were:

1. The future of the PFP after the elections.
It was generally agreed that PFP will continue after the elections and that the RU must continue to work closely with the PFP through the radical caucus.

2. The future of the RU. [redacted] suggested that after the first of the year an attempt be made to form a new national M-L party uniting all M-L groups including the RU. This new party, as [redacted] sees it, would be roughly an all-white parallel to the Black Panthers, working closely with the Black Panthers, and at approximately the same level of M-L theory. LEIBEL BERGMAN's reception of this proposal was quite cool and source believes that this is because BERGMAN does not want any coalition which he cannot control. No decision has been made to date on this proposal.

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3. The need to broaden the base of the RU by friendly contacts with other activist organizations.

4. The dichotomy between the intelligensia and "the street people" such as the Berkeley activists. The RU membership looks on the street people as basically anarchists, individuals who are just generally against government and the establishment, and who operate on a very low M-L theoretical level. The RU feels that they must make contact with these street people in order to guide and control them and to utilize their militant enthusiasm.

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The RU has held six meetings on the area level, the last being held at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted] members were present, five absent, and the meeting was chaired by BRUCE FRANKLIN, Professor from Stanford University. The following special reports were delivered:

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1. Trade Union and Community. This special group is headed by VERN BAUN. No report was delivered since [redacted] and [redacted] who were supposed to prepare the report, had not done so. (X) (U)

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2. Education. Education is Marxist-Leninist, based upon the writings of MAO TSE-TUNG. [redacted] made some comments on the progress in the San Francisco Local but nothing of any significance was discussed. (X) (U)

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3. Youth. Nothing of significance was discussed. (X) (U)

4. Surfacing. At the previous area meeting, a group was designated to study whether or not the RU should cease its covert nature and announce itself publicly. There was a conflict as to the proper time, the East Bay group calling for surfacing soon, and LEIBEL BERGMAN advocating remaining a covert organization. No decision was reached. (X) (U)

5. Electoral politics. All activity is within the Peace and Freedom Party. Efforts are to be made to strengthen the radical caucus within the PFP and to extend its control over the PFP. [redacted]

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[redacted] BERGMAN urged him to [redacted] in order to strengthen the RU's ties with the BPP. (X) (U)

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of Information, BPP, is the PFP candidate for President of the United States.

Following the above reports, the three local groups reported on their various activities. San Francisco reported on its activity in the radical caucus of the PFP. East Bay reported its activities in the radical caucus of the PFP and indicated that the group planned on developing ties with the Berkeley activists in order to bring them into the fold. (X) (U)

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The Palo Alto Local indicated far more activity than the other two groups. BRUCE FRANKLIN furnished a printed throw-away concerning the picketing of a movie theatre in Palo Alto. This throw-away was sponsored by the Committee for the Liberation of Downtown Palo Alto and was supported by the Mid-Peninsula Free University, Peace and Freedom Movement of San Mateo County, Peace and Freedom Movement of Santa Clara County, and "The Peninsula Observer." FRANKLIN stated that the Palo Alto Local controls the above four organizations and has close ties with "The Peninsula Observer". BRUCE FRANKLIN also reported on the Citizen's Committee to Defend the Second Amendment, an anti-gun control law organization, initiated by the Palo Alto local. (X) (U)

There was some discussion of the Soviet-Czech situation and LARRY HARRIS passed out Xerox copies of "Peking Review" Number 34, 1968, to those who do not subscribe to that periodical. This supplement sets out the Chinese position on the Soviet-Czech crisis and is both anti-Soviet and anti-Czech. (X) (U)

In this connection, source noted that in conversation with BERGMAN soon after the Soviet-Czech crisis, the latter defended the Soviet action as saving the Czech people from revisionism and a return to capitalism. However, after the Chinese position became known, BERGMAN did a reversal and condemned the Soviet action. (X) (U)

There was a certain amount of friction present during the area meeting. BRUCE FRANKLIN held firm control of the meeting and at times was short with BERGMAN. LEIBEL BERGMAN tends to be quite verbose and talks for a long time and this was resented by the youth. BERGMAN, as founder of the organization, appeared somewhat chagrined that he did not receive the deference he feels is due him. LARRY HARRIS showed himself as dedicated, active, and having a good sense of humor. It was obvious that he enjoys good relations with his East Bay group. BRUCE FRANKLIN showed himself as completely dedicated, intelligent and as highly regarded by his Palo Alto Local; however he is impatient, willful, and lives in a dream world of revolution. (X) (U)

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IX. MEMBERSHIP

During the period July 24, 1968, to October 8, 1968, SF T-1, SF T-2, and SF T-4 advised that the following individuals are known to them as current active members of the RU:

1. San Francisco Local

LEIBEL BERGMAN
997 - 14th Street;
San Francisco

LEIBEL BERGMAN was born May 5, 1915, at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The St. Paul, Minnesota, 1948 City Directory, published by the R.L. Polk and Company, contains a listing for "BERGMAN, LEIBEL (ANN), Chairman, Communist Party, 274 - 14th".

A book of LEIBEL BERGMAN's poems entitled "I Cannot See Their Faces & Keep Silent" was copyrighted by him in 1946 and published by Prometheus Press, St. Paul, Minnesota. The final page contains notes from the author, among which is the following: "Nor does the author desire to indicate that his philosophy is a Christ-like, Ghandhi-like acquiescence to injustice. His philosophy is actually very active and calls for the physical destruction of his enemies."

LEIBEL BERGMAN was an active CP leader in the San Francisco County CP during the period 1957-60.

SF T-6, on various dates
between 7/23/57 and 1/12/60

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LEIBEL BERGMAN was an active leader in the San Francisco County CP and had been a CP member for 20 years.

SF T-7, 3/25/57 (X) (U)

During January, 1960, the CP in San Francisco reported LEIBEL BERGMAN as one of the factionalist group creating problems within the CP and that his appeal to the National Committee, CPUSA, had been denied.

SF T-8, 1/29/60 (X) (U)

During April, 1962, LEIBEL BERGMAN was active in the CP faction in San Francisco, which faction considered the current CP leadership to be revisionist. (X) (U)

SF T-9, 4/6/62 (X) (U)

During November, 1963, LEIBEL BERGMAN was Chairman of the Bay Area Progressive Labor Movement (BAPLM) in the San Francisco Bay Area. During April, 1965, he was reportedly no longer active in this organization. (X) (U)

SF T-10, 11/26/63, & 4/9/65 (X) (U)

A characterization of the BAPLM is contained in the Appendix.

LEIBEL BERGMAN and [redacted]

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LEIBEL BERGMAN, under the name HENRY COHEN, was living at the Friendship House, Room 422, Peking, China, and was unemployed but seeking employment in Peking.

SF T-12, 11/65

In November, 1967, LEIBEL BERGMAN stated that he traveled to China by air via Moscow in 1965 and arrived back in the United States in early October, 1967. He stated that his reason for returning to the United States was that he had promised his friends the Chinese that he would do a job for them. BERGMAN stated that the struggle between United States imperialism and China would obviously continue for many years to come before it would be resolved in the destruction of imperialism. According to BERGMAN, because the struggle must be recognized in this light, it is necessary to make plans for the future, and a youth cadre must be selected, trained and held in reserve for China's future utilization.

Concerning this youth cadre, BERGMAN stated that it must be selected from the most promising youth in the United States who recognize the correctness of the Chinese position and desire to participate in bringing true Marxism-Leninism to the United States. He stated that the youth selected would be trained in China and would then be returned to the United States where they would not be utilized for political action for possibly many years. BERGMAN characterized the youth to be selected as those not well known in the left wing movement today but who must have some knowledge of the movement and sympathetic to Communist China.

SF T-13 & SF T-14, 11/67

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LEIBEL BERGMAN stated that he is gratified to see the increasing number of blacks studying the works of MAO TSE-TUNG and expressed the opinion that many are obtaining an understanding of Marxism-Leninism. BERGMAN indicated that he personally has met with the Black Panther Party in the San Francisco area and regards them as a wonderful bunch of militants, indicating that he is active in a white youth organization in the San Francisco area which has communication with the Black Panthers, whom they greatly admire.

SF T-15, 4/9 - 12/68

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LEIBEL BERGMAN stated that he is vitally interested in selecting a small cadre of American youth to be sent to China for training. These youths should be politically true to China but should not have acquired a subversive reputation with the United States Government.

SF T-15, 4/9 - 12/68

LEIBEL BERGMAN stated that in selecting youth to be sent to China for training, the paramount characteristics sought are loyalty and attitude. Of lesser importance is the intellectual capacity or academic mastery of Marxism-Leninism; however any candidate being given serious consideration must be completely familiar with the Chinese Communist political line.

SF T-16, 4/9-12/68

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[redacted] was born in [redacted]
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The June, 1967, and February, 1968 issues
of "Ramparts" Magazine lists [redacted]
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"RAMPARTS" MAGAZINE

"Ramparts" in a letter to subscribers dated May 1, 1968, announced that beginning June 1, 1968, it would be published biweekly at a yearly subscription price of \$15. In this letter "Ramparts" described itself as follows: "...the first national publication to consistently reveal the ribbon of lies supporting America's involvement in Vietnam; we stripped the curtain from America's 'invisible government' by exposing CIA's unlicensed intrusion into our domestic lives; we dared to write about the applications of the Catholic Church's political power; we warned, years before the Kerner report, that white racism was the base of America's racial problems; we blasted away at the corroded institutions of Cold War liberalism.

" 'Ramparts' is now the largest left-of-center commercial magazine in the history of the United States..."

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[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at
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In September, 1964, [REDACTED]

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[redacted] There is [redacted]
no doubt but that [redacted] is confirmed Maoist, espousing the political and philosophical teachings of MARX and LENIN as interpreted by MAO TSE-TUNG, Chairman of the Central Committee of the CCP. (X) (U)

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[redacted] continues to be
employed as [redacted]
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A characterization of "The Guardian" is
contained in the Appendix.

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San Francisco
[redacted] was born on [redacted] in
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[redacted] is currently [redacted]
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[redacted] has been living with [redacted]
for several months. (X) (U)

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SF T-21, 11/9/67 (X)(U)

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[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]
in [REDACTED] (X)(U)

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A M-L discussion class was held in the home of
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] California, on
September 26, 1961, during which class the
fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism were discussed. (X)(U)

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SF T-22, 10/2/61 (X)(U)

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SF T-1, 2/16/67 (X)(U)

A characterization of the PLP is contained
in the Appendix.

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San Francisco } (X)(U)
[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]
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SF T-24, 7/6/67 (X) (U)

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[REDACTED] California, reflect that [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED]
at [REDACTED]

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SF T-25, 6/21/66 (X) (U)

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SF T-26, 3/19/68 (X) (U)

EARL VON HERMANN
2130 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco

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EARL VON HERMANN was born July 27, 1909, in
San Francisco, California.

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EARL VON HERMANN was Organizer of the San Diego Section, CP, as of June, 1934, and as of February, 1935, was Organizational Secretary of the Hollywood Section, Los Angeles County CP.

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EARL VON HERMANN was Chairman of the Industrial Branch, CP, Bridgeport, Connecticut, during 1941.

SF T-28, May and June, 1943

VON HERMANN was replaced as Organizer of the Contra Costa County CP in December, 1950.

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[redacted] was born on [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted]

[redacted] attended [redacted]

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While a student at [redacted]

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2. East Bay Local

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[redacted] California

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[redacted] was born on [redacted]
in [redacted]

At a Public Candidates Meeting in Berkeley, California, on March 27, 1967, [redacted] declined to take the Pledge of Allegiance because the flag of the United States is being used to kill innocent people in Vietnam, stating "When you can wave and kiss the flag while hundreds and thousands of babies are being charcoaled by napalm, then I don't think you have the right to claim to be humans."

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Berkeley Daily Gazette,
daily newspaper,
3/28/67

At a meeting of the Bay Area Emergency Action Committee, at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on July 22, 1967, it was announced that the drive for funds to buy guns for Bay Area Negroes was the only way to "afford them a fighting chance against police and National Guardsmen." [redacted] described the police as "Gestapo pigs," stating, "if the Negroes want guns to protect themselves from the police, we should help by giving them guns." With regard to a recent Democratic Party fund raising event, attended by President JOHNSON, [redacted] referred to the guests as "the pigs of the power structure who paid \$500 a piece to be in the same room with the arch enemy of the world's people."

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"San Francisco Examiner,"
daily newspaper, 7/31/67.

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"The Daily Californian," University of California, Berkeley, in its issue of July 30, 1968, reflected that [redacted] of PFP stated that retribution would be dealt out if Black Panther leader HUEY NEWTON was killed. [redacted] stated, "There are those of us who have taken a pledge to give our lives if the white power structure attempts to kill HUEY P. NEWTON." [redacted] went on to state that the use of violent self-defense and retribution is justified, since, "We're fighting a war to end all wars."

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[redacted] was born [redacted] in
[redacted] (X) (U)

The records of the Office of the Dean of Students, [redacted]

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[redacted] Though there was a split as to the role of the M-2M, all present agreed that they were communists. (X) (U)

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A characterization of the M-2M is contained in the Appendix.

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A characterization of the Young Socialist Alliance and of the Socialist Worker's Party is contained in the Appendix.

At a meeting of [redacted]

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SF T-32, 8/22/67 (X) (U)

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Last known to reside at

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in [redacted] and [redacted] was born on [redacted]

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[redacted] was born on [redacted]

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SF T-33, 12/6/65 ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[redacted]
[redacted] California

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On August 16, 1968, local authorities in [redacted] stopped an improperly licensed vehicle belonging to [redacted] (above), [redacted]. The occupants of the vehicle identified themselves as [redacted] and [redacted] both of [redacted] California.

[redacted] claimed employment by [redacted]

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[redacted] was born [redacted]
in [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

In public hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D.C.,

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LARRY HARRIS
1106 Ordway,
Albany, California

The records of the Naturalization Service, Bronx County Courthouse, Bronx County, New York, as of August 14, 1943, reflected that ELIASER HARRIS, also known as LARRY HARRIS, was born on September 7, 1923, in Canada.

LARRY HARRIS joined the Young Communist League at New York City College in 1941 and sometime during 1943 joined the CP. In 1945 he was transferred to the Waterfront Section of the CP in New York City and remained in that group until expelled in 1948. His expulsion was upheld by the New York State Trial Commission and by the National Review Commission of the CP. From 1946 until 1957, LARRY HARRIS continued his attempts to be readmitted into the CP and in late 1957 was readmitted as a member of the Hyde Park Section of the CP in Chicago, Illinois. He later became Chairman of that club and held that position until October, 1958, when he moved to San Francisco, California. (X) (U)

SF T-34, 8/11/59 (X) (U)

On June 1, 1959, LARRY HARRIS was elected Chairman of the Metal Trades Club, AFL Section, San Francisco County CP. (X) (U)

SF T-35, 6/3/59 (X) (U)

At a meeting of the Marxist Education Class on September 5, 1961, held in Berkeley, California, a class organized by LARRY HARRIS, it was stated that HARRIS had quit the CP in June, 1961. (X) (U)

SF T-32, 9/15/61 (X) (U)

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LARRY HARRIS attended a BAPLP sponsored meeting November 24, 1963, at San Francisco, California. At this meeting, HARRIS stated that PLP advocates very aggressive and militant Marxism-Leninism and advocates self-defense measures in order that individuals may not be denied their constitutional rights. (X) (U)

SF T-10, 11/26/63 (X) (U)

The February 9-15, 1968, issue of the "Berkeley Barb," a weekly newspaper, contained the following advertisement: "If you are interested in participating in the formation of a Bay Area Progressive Social or Political 'Singles' Club for unmarried adults of new left, old left, anti-war, radical, etc. persuasion, call LARRY HARRIS, 526-2838." It is noted that LARRY HARRIS of 1106 Ordway, Albany, California, is assigned telephone number 526-2838.

VERNON WILBURT BAUN
2129 - 42nd Avenue
Oakland, California

VERNON WILBURT BAUN was born October 14, 1917, at Evergreen, Wisconsin.

VERNON WILBURT BOWN, born October 14, 1915, Spooner, Wisconsin, bearing U.S. Passport Number 404932, was one of 500 Americans serving as volunteers in the Spanish Loyalist Army in 1938.

Passport Division, U.S.
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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The "Milwaukee Journal Post," issue of December 21, 1938, identified one VERNON BROWN of Racine, Wisconsin, as a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB) and the Spanish Loyalist Army.

VALB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

VERNON BOWN recently transferred his CP membership from New York, New York, to the Seaman's Branch of the CP in San Francisco.

SF T-36, 3/45

At a meeting of the Northern California District CP Committee in San Francisco on June 13, 1959, a trial committee reported that VERN BAUN had been found guilty of revisionism and factionalism. Based upon this report, the District Committee sought the expulsion of BAUN. (b)

SF T-37, 6/18/59 (X)(U)

VERN BAUN continues to associate with the CP faction in San Francisco which takes its ideological views and attitudes from the CP in China rather than the CP, USSR. (X)(U)

SF T-38, 7/11/62 (X)(U)

VERN BAUN was one of the nucleus of the founding group called the Progressive Labor Movement in the Bay Area which later became the PLP. He later dropped out of PLP. (X)(U)

SF T-4, 2/16/67 (X)(U)

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GERTRUDE LOUISE LATZ ALEXANDER
1733 Grant Street
Berkeley, California

GERTRUDE LOUISE LATZ was born May 18, 1915,
in New York, New York.

GERTRUDE ALEXANDER, formerly on the
Section Committee, Levittown Division, Nassau
County CP, came to Buffalo, New York, in 1955
to participate in the CP Industrial Concentration
Program and was assigned to the Clandestine
Section of the Erie County CP.

SF T-39, 4/4/57

GERTRUDE ALEXANDER in November, 1960, reregistered
in the CP for the year 1961, indicating she
had been in the CP for 26 years. (X) (U)

SF T-40, 11/60 (X) (U)

On December 17, 1961, GERTRUDE ALEXANDER
was expelled from the Erie County CP for
Factionalism. (X) (U)

SF T-41, 12/18/61 (X) (U)

As of November 6, 1964, GERTRUDE ALEXANDER was no
longer considered a member of PLP in Buffalo. (X) (U)

SF T-42, 11/6/64 (X) (U)

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SF T-43, October 12, 1965 (X) (U)

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SF T-24, 12/30/66 (X) (U)

The "San Francisco Chronicle," San Francisco daily newspaper, on March 1, 1966, Page 2, contains an article reflecting that [redacted]

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A characterization of [redacted] is contained in the Appendix.

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SF T-4, 3/8/68 (X) (U)

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SF T-45, June and July, 1963 (X) (U)

A characterization of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club is contained in the Appendix.

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The "Daily Californian," UCB, of January 25, 1968, reflected that on January 24, 1968, the Alameda County Grand Jury had indicted seven people for allegedly conspiring to violate state laws (trespass, obstruction of police, and disturbing the peace) during the October, 1967 Stop the Draft Week.

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[redacted] and [redacted] arrived in [redacted]

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SF T-47, 9/19/68 (X) (U)

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[REDACTED] }
[REDACTED] California } (X)(U)

[REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in
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On July 22, 1967, a leaflet bearing the caption, "The Long Hot Summer and Beyond: A Radical Proposal," was passed out in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The leaflet was issued by the Students' Organizing Committee [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This leaflet reads in part: "... We should help raise funds and supply weapons for groups like the Black Panther Party ... We white radicals must not only run guns to the black revolutionaries...."

SF T-48, 7/25/67 (X)(U)

[REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) (LNU)

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LEIBEL BERGMAN on September 11, 1968 stated that [REDACTED] is considered a member of the RU. (X)(U)

SF T-4, 9/25/68 (X)(U)

3. Palo Alto Local (X)(U)

HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN
1060 Ringwood Avenue
Menlo Park, California
Associate Professor of English
Stanford University

} (X)(U)

HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN was born February 28, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York. (X)(U)

SF 100-61281
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BRUCE FRANKLIN, then with Stanford in France, was reported to be in contact with representatives of the CP in Tours, France, area and was working with the CP in the translation of propaganda material. (XO)(U)

SF T-49, 4/67 (XO)(U)

According to the United States Embassy, Paris France, BRUCE FRANKLIN was one of 14 United States citizens who were arrested by the Police Department, Paris, in connection with anti-United States demonstrations against Vice-President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY during his visit abroad, March 26 through April 9, 1967.

BRUCE FRANKLIN was a speaker at a rally to aid HUEY P. NEWTON at Eastside Park, San Mateo, California, on July 20, 1968, and urged the audience to obtain firearms. (XO)(U)

SF T-50, 7/20/68 (XO)(U)

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was born [redacted] (XO)(U)

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was born [redacted] in (XO)(U)

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A four-page mimeographed leaflet, "Organizing High Schools," was distributed at the SDS National Council Meeting, December 27-31, 1967, at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

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[redacted] The pamphlet reflected that United Student Movement was founded less than a year ago and was then large and effective. The pamphlet stated that the USM leaders had been working with Stanford SDS.

SF T-51, 1/22/68

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SF T-52, 3/31/68

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[redacted]
[redacted] (LNU) ? (X) (U)
Possibly [redacted]
Married Couple.
possibly [redacted] and [redacted] ? (X) (U)

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March, 29, 1944, page 78)

"2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the ... American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'

"Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S.Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91)"

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BAY AREA PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY
also known as
Bay Area Progressive Labor Movement
Bay Area Progressive Labor
"Progressive Labor"

The masthead in the February 8, 1965 issue of "Spark" reflects it is published by the Progressive Labor Movement of the Bay Area, P.O. Box 73, Station A, Berkeley ... page 4 of this issue of "Spark" carries an article describing [redacted] as the "West Coast organizer" of the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM).

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A source advised on January 7, 1965, that [redacted]
[redacted] following a press conference in San Francisco, California, b6
on January 7, 1965, related that he was [redacted] b7C

[redacted] PLM was started about three years ago as a national organization located mainly in New York and Buffalo areas, and he has been here since last July striving to organize the PLM. He stated PLM has several publications, including "Progressive Labor," a monthly, and the "Marxist-Leninist Quarterly."

The April 19, 1965 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," a daily San Francisco newspaper, carried an article which related that the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) was officially formed April 18, 1965, after a four day convention in New York. PLP was formerly known as the Progressive Labor Movement and [redacted]

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A second source advised on May 14, 1968, that the Bay Area Progressive Labor Party (BAPLP) rents an office at 948 Market Street, San Francisco, California, which is used as a headquarters and mailing address. The BAPLP follows the policies and directives of the National PLP.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka
Black Panther Party for
Self Defense

A source advised that the Black Panther Party for Self Defense (BPPSD) was formed by HUEY PERCY NEWTON, Minister of Defense, and [redacted] in December, 1966, as a militant black nationalist political organization to combat "police brutality," to unite militant black youth, and to determine the destiny of black communities. The political philosophy was taken from writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of Communist China and black militant writers.

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In March, 1968, the name of the organization was changed to Black Panther Party (BPP).

The official BPP publication, "The Black Panther Party - Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates use of guns and guerrilla tactics in their violent revolutionary program to end oppression of black people.

On February 17, 1968, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of Information, announced merger of the BPP and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and bestowed title of [redacted] BPP, upon [redacted] of SNCC.

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SNCC is a militant Negro organization which preaches black supremacy.

NEWTON, aforementioned, is incarcerated in the Alameda County Jail, Oakland, California, awaiting trial on charge of murder of an Oakland police officer.

Headquarters of BPP and Huey P. Newton Defense Fund are located at 4421 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

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CHINA BOOKS AND PERIODICALS
also known as
Peking Books

In June, 1960, a source made available a slip of paper entitled, "Announcements from 1960," signed Manager, which read as follows:

"I am happy to take this opportunity to announce my new firm, China Books and Periodicals, located in Chicago at 334 West Schiller Street, formed for the purpose of importing publications from the China Mainland and distributing them in the United States on a nation-wide basis. An import license has been issued to me by the United States Treasury to do business as a representative of Guozi Shudian, the book exporting firm in Peking."

Guozi Shudian translated into English is International Book Store. It is operated by the Chinese Communist Government.

Records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., reflect that [redacted] doing business as China Books and Periodicals, moved from 334 Schiller Street, Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1963, to 292 Gough Street, San Francisco, California, and again in 1964 from 292 Gough Street, San Francisco, to 2929 - 24th Street San Francisco.

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These records reflect that on October 29, 1965, [redacted] executed a supplemental registration for the six month period ending October 6, 1965, listing as his foreign principal [redacted] Export Department, Guozi Shudian, P. O. Box 399, Peking, China. [redacted] also indicated that he had supplied orders to Waiwen Shudian, the book import firm of Peking, China, of books and periodicals from United States publishers.

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During August, 1965, a second source, advised that China Books and Periodicals, 2929 - 24th Street, San Francisco, California, enjoys a rather unique position among firms in the United States dealing with Waiwen Shudian, importers of books and periodicals, Peking China, in that he has been granted blanket authority to select and forward to Waiwen Shudian

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books published subsequent to July 1, 1965, dealing with the general situation in China, current international affairs United States political parties and leaders, main schools of philosophy and conditions in Asian, African and Latin American countries.

In June, 1959, a third source advised that on June 2, 1959, [redacted] attended a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Machinists Group Number Two in Chicago, and at this meeting gave a dissertation of "KHRUSHCHEV's Central Control Figures for the Economic Development of the USSR, 1959-65."

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A fourth source in February, 1963, stated that it had been learned from top leaders of the CP, USA, that [redacted] is openly following the CP of China line and he is very pro-Chinese in his sympathies with regard to the ideological differences between Moscow and Peking.

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On May 14, 1968, a fifth source advised that China Books and Periodicals continues to do business at 2929 - 24th Street, San Francisco.

The files of the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., reflect that on September 1, 1967, [redacted] [redacted] doing business as China Books and Periodicals, 2929 - 24th Street, San Francisco, California, filed an "Amendment to Registration Statement" giving notice of his intention to distribute books and periodicals of a propaganda character imported from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) and listed as his principal Deputy Director [redacted] [redacted] Xunhasaba, Exporters and Importers, Hanoi, DRV.

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"GUARDIAN"
FORMERLY KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"I. ... 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly ... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

The February 3, 1968, issue of the "National Guardian" announced that as of the issue of February 10, 1968, the "National Guardian" would henceforth be known as the "Guardian."

The February 10, 1968, issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly" and is published by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated. The "Guardian" lists its address as 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The February 12, 1968, issue of the "New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Radical Editors Say Their Job Is In 'Movement!'" This article stated that the first issue of the "Guardian" was dedicated by the paper's staff "To those heroic Liberation fighters who last week began a major offensive against American Imperialism in South Vietnam."

This article quoted one of the editors as saying that "Our job is to build a Radical movement. To quote the Cuban revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it--we are movement people acting as journalists.

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

This article concluded by stating that the "Guardian" is considered the largest radical weekly in America.

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MAY 2 MOVEMENT

A source advised on March 3, 1965, as follows:

The May 2 Movement (M2M), formerly known as the May 2 Committee, was organized on March 14, 1964, at New Haven, Connecticut, by a group of young people participating in a symposium "Socialism in America" being held at Yale University. The original aim of the M2M was to plan and execute a demonstration in New York City on May 2, 1964, demanding withdrawal of United States troops from Viet Nam.

The M2M was dominated and controlled by the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and had for its aim and purpose the embarrassment of the United States Government by meetings, rallies, picketing demonstrations, and formation of university level clubs at which a Marxist-Leninist oriented approach and analysis was taken of United States domestic and foreign policies. This source advised on May 19, 1965, that the headquarters of the M2M was 640 Broadway, New York City, Room 307.

A second source advised on February 9, 1966, that the M2M was officially dissolved as an organization on February 6, 1966, at a meeting held on the same date in New York City, by the leadership of M2M and the Progressive Labor Party.

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1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), formerly known as the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), held its first national convention April 15, - 18, 1965, at New York, New York, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

The "New York Times" City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted]. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

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According to the Article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by [redacted] and [redacted] after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist Line".

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The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor", a bi-monthly magazine, "Challenge", a monthly New York City newspaper, and "World Revolution" a quarterly periodical.

The May, 1968 issue of "Challenge", page 23, states that, "This paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life- where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level".

A second source advised on May 15, 1968, that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York City.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
San Francisco Division

A source advised on August 1, 1960, the San Francisco Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was formed approximately in the early part of 1938, and the Oakland Branch of the SWP was formed in the latter part of 1938.

A second source advised on October 26, 1959, that the name of the Oakland Branch of the SWP was changed to the Oakland-Berkeley Branch of the SWP.

A third source advised on April 16, 1968 that the San Francisco Branch and the Oakland-Berkeley Branch of the SWP follow the policies and directives of the National SWP with which they are affiliated.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students.

[redacted] Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19 - 21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time, the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that [redacted] CP, USA [redacted] stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that [redacted] CP, USA [redacted] stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, [redacted] CP, USA, [redacted] indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that [redacted] was elected [redacted] of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised on July 26, 1968, that [redacted] continues in his position as [redacted] of the DCA.

This fourth source also advised on July 26, 1968, that [redacted] is a member of the National Committee of the CP, US.

This fourth source further advised on July 26, 1968, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE
(known in San Francisco Bay Area as
Bay Area Young Socialist Alliance
also known as
Bay Area Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance,
Bay Area Committee for the Young Socialist)

A source advised on May 16, 1960, that the Bay Area Young Socialist Alliance (BAYSA) was formed in February, 1958, as the Bay Area Committee for the Young Socialist (BACYS). At a later stage in its development prior to adoption of the name BAYSA, the organization was known as the Bay Area Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance (BACYSA).

The source advised that as a result of a national convention held April 15-17, 1960, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the BAYSA became a branch of the national organization to be known as the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) and will carry out in the Northern California area the policies of the YSA.

The source advised April 18, 1968, that the BAYSA is currently active and is composed of two locals: The San Francisco YSA and the Berkeley YSA.

The source advised on April 18, 1968, that the BAYSA, although ostensibly an independent organization, is in reality controlled by the San Francisco Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Oakland Branch, SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The National Headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

On October 31, 1967, a second source advised that at the 22nd National Convention of the SWP held in New York City from October 26, 1967, to October 29, 1967, it was stated that the YSA remained as the main recruiting ground for new SWP members.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of "Young Socialist" is set out separately.

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"YOUNG SOCIALIST"

The "Young Socialist" is a magazine published monthly, except during the summer, by the Young Socialist Alliance. The October, 1964, edition, the initial edition utilizing the magazine format, relates that this magazine succeeds the "Young Socialist" newspaper in an effort to provide "more facts on more general issues than a small newspaper can".

The "Young Socialist" newspaper was formerly described as the official organ of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

The "Young Socialist" maintains office space at the headquarters of the YSA, Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City, and has a mailing address of Post Office Box 471, Cooper Station, New York, New York 10003.

A characterization of the YSA is set out separately.

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ReSFairtel 4/18/68 and Bulet 3/29/68 setting forth background and investigative instructions relating to the Revolutionary Union (RU), a militant covert pro-Chinese organization formed earlier this year in California.

It is requested all future correspondence and communications relating to investigation of captioned organization and its members, not subject to dissemination outside the Bureau, include below the Internal Security - Revolutionary Union or Security Letter - Revolutionary Union character the additional notation "(Nationalities Intelligence)." This addition to the caption is for administrative purposes to facilitate routing at the Seat of Government.

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(1 - 100-34639 L. BERGMAN)
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(1 - 100- UNSUB; Chinese Youth in Contact With LIEBEL
(1 - 100-61281 REVOLUTIONARY UNION) BERGMAN)
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CAUTION: NEITHER [REDACTED] NOR THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN REPORTS OR COMMUNICATIONS FOR DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THIS BUREAU SINCE TO DO SO COULD JEOPARDIZE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INFORMANTS, AS WELL AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IT BEING NOTED THAT [REDACTED] IS A SENSITIVE BUREAU INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OPERATION AND THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION IS A COVERT, MILITANT REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH IS KNOWN ONLY TO VERY LIMITED NUMBERS.

The informants met BERGMAN for lunch after which they proceeded to informants' hotel room for extended discussions lasting about four hours.

The informants mentioned that [REDACTED] had apparently received an invitation to [REDACTED] and he had complained in his recent newsletter that the invitation was a phoney. BERGMAN said he had heard of this matter and related that [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] had also received an invitation. b7C
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got in touch with [REDACTED] on the matter and [REDACTED] contacted BERGMAN while [REDACTED] was scurrying around trying to raise \$1,100 to make the trip. BERGMAN said he advised [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] it was a phoney. He said the paper and envelope looked authentic, but [REDACTED] should have known it was bogus because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on Party business. He mentioned that when [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] earlier this year, he went via [REDACTED]

In passing, BERGMAN mentioned that he didn't care for [REDACTED] adding that he does a good job with the Draft Resistors, but he is too subjective. On the other hand, he thinks very highly of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

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BERGMAN spoke of his group, the Revolutionary Union. He said they have a physician and a team of medical students who have performed illegal operations on those comrades wounded in battle with the police. He said they are very competent and are able to perform complex operations--even brain surgery, if necessary. BERGMAN mentioned that white people in San Francisco are purchasing arms for the militant blacks.

In his group, the RU, there are about 30 people divided into three groupings with one each in Berkeley-Oakland-Richmond area; in San Francisco, and Palo Alto. He said they hope to have another group organized in the Los Angeles area in the near future.

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BERGMAN then spoke of a young man formerly from San Francisco who went to [redacted] and was [redacted]. He said this person [redacted] is going to [redacted]

[redacted] He asked the informants if they [redacted] had anyone in [redacted] with whom this individual could make contact. They replied that [redacted] forces in [redacted] are at present in a state of disorganization; whereupon BERGMAN said in that case he would put him in touch with [redacted] (BERGMAN contacted [redacted] in the fall of 1967 shortly after his return from China.)

BERGMAN also mentioned a young Chinese now residing in San Francisco, whose mother and stepfather are residing in China. He said this young Chinese has briefed him on the Cultural revolution in China. He commented that it appears that everything in the Cultural Revolution worked except the youth and student part and they could only carry it so far before they began to vacillate. He added that only among the working class can there be found consistent revolutionary forces.

BERGMAN complained that he was having difficulty communicating with China. He said "if I write to them obliquely, they answer obliquely; if I write direct, they answer obliquely." BERGMAN added that he would probably have to make a trip there in the future to straighten this out.

The informants told him of the tentatively scheduled meeting in Chicago being organized by [redacted] which will feature [redacted] as speaker. BERGMAN said it was okay to have [redacted] address the meeting; however, he had heard that she is connected with a Trotskyite group in New York, and he is doing some checking on this matter.

BERGMAN spoke of the PLP. He said he is at a loss to understand why China and Albania are pushing the PLP. He mentioned that he is going to check out a story he had heard to the effect that some of the leadership of PLP had received training in the Soviet Union just a short time prior to joining the PLP. [redacted] told BERGMAN that [redacted] had some information on this from a member of the Executive Committee of [redacted] who recently learned from CPUSA sources that [redacted] received training at a school in [redacted] and after he returned to the U.S. he was placed in a leadership position in PLP. [redacted] reported this information to [redacted] at a recent meeting). BERGMAN was very interested in this information and asked the informants if they had relayed this information to the "people in Paris." (Chicom

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Embassy, Paris). When they said they had not, he said he would get the information to the people concerned.

BERGMAN complimented the informants on the role of [redacted]. He said [redacted] is doing a real good job, that it is the only organization in this country fighting revisionism on its own grounds. The informants mentioned that in recent months, [redacted] has shifted emphasis away from work within the Party to work outside the Party in the mass, radical movements. They told him cf [redacted] "work" among black labor organizations, the role of [redacted] in the recent school boycotts of the black students, the building of "left centers" in trade unions and community organizations, etc. BERGMAN was highly impressed with the "work" of [redacted] but he cautioned them not to underestimate the CPUSA, "They still have important forces." He mentioned as examples professional people, youth, and Negroes.

He said he liked the Chairman's report printed in the October edition of the "Ad Hoc Bulletin (M-L)" which dealt with the rising fascist danger in the U.S.

He spoke of [redacted] from San Diego who has become the ideological leader of the New Left. He said [redacted] is not all that important, but cautioned that if any criticism of him is printed in the "Ad Hoc Bulletin" it should be done only on M-L grounds.

In order to impress BERGMAN with the work of [redacted] and to get a reaction from him on the question of correctness of individual acts of violence in the struggles, [redacted] fabricated a story dealing with a mythical [redacted] youth who was beaten by the Chicago Police during the disturbances surrounding the Democratic National Convention. He told BERGMAN that this youth is dead set on revenge and talks of getting a machine gun and shooting up the Chicago Police Station. BERGMAN's immediate reaction was "Get rid of him!"

BERGMAN spoke of the Black Panther Party (BPP). He said the BPP is falling apart in the San Francisco area because of the jailings of the leadership. He said [redacted] is incapable of holding the organization together in that area. He noted that the BPP is strong in New York and Chicago.

On the subject of Cuba, BERGMAN spoke briefly. He said Cuba is doing better but they are still making mistakes. He didn't elaborate.

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On the subject of Americans residing in China, BERGMAN said [redacted] is in jail and "is no good." [redacted] [redacted] is a "sneak". He is probably under house arrest. He thinks that these two ignoble renegades originally gained prestige with the Chicom leadership because of their association with [redacted] who he characterized as okay.

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On the violence in San Francisco State College, BERGMAN was elated with this struggle. He said [redacted] was in San Francisco and addressed the militants before the recent troubles began. [redacted] told them 'Don't fall into the white man's bag of occupying buildings. (Reference probably to SDS actions at Columbia University). Keep your cool, and I don't want any heroes.' BERGMAN stated that every day or so the leadership of the militants at the college is changed and informant interpreted this as an order coming from [redacted]. (This tactic may have been instituted to keep the violence sustained over a long period of time in anticipation that police would arrest leaders early in the fight.)

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BERGMAN said the struggles at San Francisco State College is a great school for revolution and is setting the example for future insurrections.

The informants told BERGMAN about the progress made in [redacted] by [redacted]

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[redacted] They told BERGMAN they would like for this youth to come to San Francisco and stay around awhile to learn from BERGMAN's operation--organizational techniques, etc. BERGMAN said if he would come to San Francisco next week, he could have him in charge of the BPP within a month. The informants assured him that he had important functions in [redacted] and in a joking manner, they accused BERGMAN of trying to latch on to one of their important people. BERGMAN indicated that now would be a bad time for [redacted] youth to come to San Francisco because of organizational problems, but he left the door open for a possible future visit by the PSI. At this time [redacted] told BERGMAN he wanted the PSI to come to San Francisco to learn from BERGMAN, not to become a member of a group there. He added, "after all, you are the leading revolutionary figure in this country" to which suggestion BERGMAN readily agreed.

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The informants gave to BERGMAN the covert Post Office Box number of [redacted] through which important messages could be sent. They also gave him the name and address of [redacted]

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BERGMAN indicated he would get in touch with this informant, b7D and he also asked for the new address of [REDACTED] Informants b7E promised to send this address to him when they returned home.

It will be recalled that some months ago, BERGMAN gave [REDACTED] \$500.00, part of which was to have been used for financing the travels in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on behalf of the Chicoms, after the informant had returned to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] following [REDACTED] b7D b7E last May. BERGMAN believes that \$100 of this sum was actually given to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] leaving the balance of \$400. BERGMAN told the informant that he needed this money and asked that it be sent to him. [REDACTED] wrote him a personal check for the full amount, \$400.

BERGMAN indicated that he was in contact with [REDACTED] b6 of [REDACTED] and indicated that [REDACTED] should contact b7C through [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on 12/16/68 at which time additional debriefing will be conducted. b7D

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Orally _____ By Telephone 12/20/68 Written Communication _____
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Information concerning: The distribution of pen-type tear gas weapons modified to fire .22 caliber projectiles in the Los Angeles area, to militants

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:
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Information furnished was obtained:

- during course of Bureau investigation
- from informants
- from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to: HOWARD GILLESPIE, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION,
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ((4:20 PM)

Number of items disseminated: 1

Remarks:

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 1 - 80-398A (CONTROL FILE)

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Information furnished to: RUSSELL SCHMELTZER, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. (12:10 PM)

Number of items disseminated: 1

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/20/68

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72077) (P)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka
IS - REVOLUTIONARY UNION
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 10/18/68, and
San Francisco report of SA BERTRAM WORTHINGTON, dated
10/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco Division
are two (2) copies each of the following documents:

1. Article entitled, "The Idea of Peaceful Coexistence" and Prevention of Imperialist Wars.
2. Article entitled, "On the Organization of the Proletarian Revolutionaries."
3. Article entitled, "Applying the Opportunist Theory of Reforms to the Negro People in the South and the War in Vietnam".
4. Article entitled, "Fundamentals of Marxism-- Questions for Lesson VII "On Contradiction".
5. Article entitled, "Fundamentals of Marxism-- Questions for Lesson VIII, Mao Tse-Tung, On Practice".
6. Article entitled, "The Revolutionary Proletariat Must Not Repeat Its Old Mistakes In Applying the Idea of The United Front".

2 - Bureau [REDACTED] (Encl. 12) (RM)
2 - San Francisco (100-61281) (Encl. 1P) (RM)
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On 12/2/68, [REDACTED] (conceal),
[REDACTED] advised that these documents were
received by mail by [REDACTED]. The envelope was
postmarked 10/9/68, at Berkeley, California. The envelope
contained a note indicating it was sent by [REDACTED] (LNU)
apparently indentical with the [REDACTED] mentioned in referenced
letter. There have been no additional meetings of the Los
Angeles group mentioned in referenced letter.

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A review of referenced report indicates the San
Francisco Local of the Revolutionary Union (RU) has been
studying the works of Mao Tse-Tung, including his writings
"On Contradiction". It is noted the enclosures indicate
that [REDACTED] (LNU) and his group have been studying similar
material.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will review enclosed
articles and attempt to determine if they were produced
by the RU.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue investi-
gation to determine the nature and affiliation of the [REDACTED]
group in Los Angeles.

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Date: 12/17/68

Transmit the following in _____

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Via Airtel

(Priority)

To: SACs, Los Angeles
San Francisco (100-61281)

From: Director, FBI [redacted]

REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CHINA

ReSFairtel 12/9/68 captioned [redacted] furnishing information relating to the distribution of pen-type tear gas weapons modified to fire .22 caliber projectiles. Reairtel indicated these weapons originate with an unidentified group in Los Angeles, reportedly are part of a stolen shipment obtained by the group which is closely connected with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and that SDS activist [redacted] is among those modifying the pen-type gas guns which are to be furnished free to militants.

Los Angeles should intensify investigations to identify the group reportedly distributing these weapons, to determine the origin of the pen-type tear gas guns, and also to determine the identities of individuals in possession of the weapons.

Los Angeles and San Francisco should immediately alert local authorities including Army Intelligence, Secret Service, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, and established local police contacts regarding the allegation that these weapons are currently in the process of being distributed among militants.

Any information provided should be paraphrased and/or appropriately classified to protect the identity of [redacted] who at this time is [redacted] as well as the identity of the sensitive RU investigation. Additionally,

1 - San Francisco [redacted]

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Airtel SACs, Los Angeles
San Francisco
RE: REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)

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Los Angeles and San Francisco should be alert to develop evidence of violations of the Federal Firearms Act, as well as the State Firearms Control Assistance Act, which takes effect 12/16/68.

Information developed regarding the circulation of these weapons must be promptly incorporated into LHM form, suitable for dissemination, and furnished to the Bureau under appropriate caption. In each instance for purpose of coordination, a copy of the cover communication forwarding the LHM to the Bureau should be designated for the Bufile on the RU.

Inquiry of sections at the Bureau responsible for investigations involving Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, Theft from Interstate Shipment, and firearms matters has not developed any information identifying a theft of pen-type tear gas weapons in the California area.

San Francisco must follow this matter closely with [redacted] to determine all pertinent information available to [redacted]. Although it is understandable the informant has a fear for [redacted] life, it should be impressed upon [redacted] the possibility of violence as a result of these weapons makes it vital that all information be furnished to the FBI immediately. The Bureau must be promptly advised of the identity of the individual who made these weapons available to the informant.

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Los Angeles and San Francisco should insure investigative personnel responsible for coverage of militant left-wing and black nationalist organizations and their memberships are alerted to the existence of the pen-type modified .22 caliber weapons. Any information developed indicating these weapons are being distributed outside of the Los Angeles and San Francisco area, should be promptly furnished to the Bureau and appropriate offices so investigative personnel may be promptly alerted.

Airtel SACs, Los Angeles
San Francisco
RE: REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)

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Because of the serious threat posed by the possible widespread distribution of these weapons to militants, investigation must be expeditiously conducted in a most penetrative manner, bearing in mind the security of [redacted]. The Bureau must be advised of all pertinent developments by the most expeditious means warranted.

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AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] b3
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-61281) (P) b7E
SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
IS - RU

Re San Francisco airtel dated 12/9/68, captioned [redacted] and Bureau airtel dated 12/17/68, in instant matter.

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On 12/19/68, [redacted] advised that [redacted] has taken no further action concerning the modified pen-type tear gas zip gun. Source advised that [redacted] was informed by [redacted] [redacted] that [redacted] of the Black Panthers is out of town and [redacted] has not been able to contact him concerning this weapon. Source further advised that ERIC FRANKLIN, leader of the Palo Alto local of the RU, on 12/17/68, expressed complete disapproval of instant modified tear gas gun as a weapon stating that it would be very ineffectual and would be a greater hazard to the individual firing it than to his target. FRANKLIN also stated to [redacted] that he is opposed to furnishing this weapon to the Black Panthers inasmuch as it would probably only result in injury to Black Panther Party members.

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Therefore, to date, according to [redacted] no action has been taken in connection with dissemination of this weapon in the Bay area. Source indicated that [redacted] remains fearful for [redacted] life should any overt action be taken in connection with this weapon at this time in the San Francisco area and stated that [redacted] still felt that [redacted] could not disclose the identity of the individual furnishing the weapon to [redacted]. However, source stated that should [redacted]

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subsequently receive indication that the weapon is being ordered by militants in this area, [] would then re-evaluate [] position.

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In order to protect the identity of [] it is suggested that Los Angeles disseminate the information concerning this modified tear gas gun locally as set out in referenced Bureau airtel indicating that the source furnishing the information is located in []. It is further suggested that Los Angeles carefully paraphrase the information furnished by [] and omit any reference to the San Francisco area indicating that the source advised that the weapon would be made available to any militants in California who desired it.

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San Francisco wishes to point out that by thus attributing the information supposedly from a source in [] subsequent investigation of activity by the Los Angeles Police Department or ATU may cause [] to believe that the information leaked from his own organization thereby causing disruption in [] group.

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Inasmuch as there has been no dissemination of this weapon by source in the Bay area, San Francisco will not disseminate the information concerning the weapon at this time. However, Secret Service and appropriate law enforcement agencies are being advised orally that we have received information to the effect that such a weapon is in existence and is being furnished to militants.

This matter will continue to be followed closely with [] and the Bureau and Los Angeles will be promptly advised of future developments. //

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SAC, San Francisco (100-61281)

Director, FBI [redacted]

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REVOLUTIONARY UNION
INTERNAL SECURITY - REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

ReBulet to San Francisco only, dated 11/8/68, which advised no restrictions were being placed on agencies receiving reports prepared on the RU and its members that are disseminated at the Seat of Government. This letter instructed that no restrictions should be placed on RU reports disseminated locally, although there was no objection to alerting recipients of local dissemination to advise in event action was contemplated based upon the disseminated information which could be detrimental to FBI investigative interests.

ReCGairtel 12/13/68, captioned "Ad Hoc Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party, USA, IS - CH," relating to contact of RU leader Leibel Berman, in San Francisco, on 12/11/68, by [redacted] informants. On page two, this airtel gets out in part "NEITHER [redacted] NOR THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU) SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN REPORTS OR COMMUNICATIONS FOR DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THIS BUREAU. . ." (X)(U)

Recipient offices, who also received copies of CGairtel 12/13/68, should correct this airtel by deleting the caution mentioned above as relates to the RU.

Bureau policy relating to RU dissemination is as noted in paragraph one with the addition that disseminatable reports and communications prepared on the RU and its members should be classified "Secret," and carefully paraphrased to protect the security of sensitive sources. (X)(U)

The concern of San Francisco and Chicago regarding the sensitivity of the RU investigation is recognized and appreciated. However, it is not desired an undesirable precedent be established by placing any restrictions, or

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RE: REVOLUTIONARY UNION
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requests which could be interpreted as restrictions, upon recipients of information prepared in connection with this investigation. This is particularly true in the case of the RU, a militant violence-prone organization, members of which have been reported engaging in firearms and guerrilla warfare training and in the accumulation of firearms. The classification of the document in itself, as well as the property statement precluding distribution of contents outside a recipient agency, should sufficiently protect the Bureau's investigative interest. The Bureau does not want to be placed in a position whereby any recipient of FBI disseminated material could rationalize or otherwise endeavor to explain away a failure to take action within its responsibilities and jurisdiction, based upon an erroneous interpretation of FBI cautions included with the disseminated material.

The current covert nature of the RU and its belief it is operating without FBI scrutiny, offers an opportunity to penetrate the organization and identify its membership in the early stage of its formation. However, this opportunity is only temporary for the RU has discussed surfacing and Bergman has indicated it will surface as soon as a method is agreed upon. Also, the RU is rapidly becoming known to a broad spectrum of the left-wing. At a Communist Party (CP) meeting on 7/23/68, a member of the Northern California District CP Committee described the RU cells and indicated the Party should infiltrate the organization. On 10/5/68, the RU leadership met with representatives of the Black Panther Party and the American Liberation Front to consider a merger. There are indications the RU is known to the Peace and Freedom Party, the Progressive Workers Movement of Canada, to individuals affiliated with "The Movement," and to individuals affiliated with the Committee of Correspondence led by [redacted] It is significant to note an individual contacted the Palo Alto RA on 12/11/68 indicating a personal knowledge of RU leader Bruce Franklin and a knowledge of the highly covert Red Guards, the youth affiliate of the RU. (X) U

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Letter SAC, San Francisco
RE: REVOLUTIONARY UNION

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In view of imminent RU surfacing, as well as increasing evidence of widespread knowledge of its existence, San Francisco is requested to consider techniques whereby it could be to our investigative advantage to publicly expose the RU before the organization itself surfaces. (X) (U)

CGairtel 12/13/68, relating to [redacted] also indicated the name of [redacted] should not be mentioned in any communication disseminated outside the Bureau. These instructions are correct, as [redacted] is an intelligence gathering technique operated by the Bureau. However, all intelligence information developed in connection with [redacted] operation must be appropriately paraphrased and disseminated to interested agencies. This may be accomplished with security by appropriate classification of the material and paraphrasing to protect informants and the operation. Where necessary, a phrase such as "a domestic pro-Chicom organization" may be used as a substitute for the name of [redacted] in material to be disseminated. (X) (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. -

Los Angeles, California
December 24, 1968

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PEN-TYPE TEAR GAS WEAPONS
MODIFIED TO FIRE .22
CALIBER PROJECTILES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in early December 1968 that pen-type gas weapons are being modified to fire .22 caliber projectiles. The tear gas guns, stamped "Made in Italy" are being modified in the Southern California area, and are reportedly to be distributed statewide, free of charge, to militant activists who desire them.

These weapons are metal and approximately 4 5/8" in length. The clip of the pen is attached to a threaded cap, approximately one inch in length with a milled edge. The other end of the pen has a threaded, milled insert approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " in length. The interior of the pen has a coil spring approximately 3 1/8" in length.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] b3
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72077) (P) b7E
SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - REVOLUTIONARY UNION
OO: San Francisco

Re Bureau airtel dated 12/17/68, Los Angeles letters dated 10/13/68 and 12/20/68, and San Francisco airtel dated 12/9/68, captioned [redacted]

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM concerning West Coast distribution of pen-type tear gas weapons modified to fire .22 caliber projectiles. Also enclosed are two copies each for the San Francisco and San Diego Divisions.

For information of the San Diego Division, the unmodified tear gas guns are allegedly part of a stolen shipment and are being modified by individuals closely connected with Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the Los Angeles area.

Because of its proximity to the Los Angeles Division and the presence of SDS Chapters in the San Diego area, the San Diego Division should insure investigative personnel responsible for coverage of militant left-wing and Black Nationalist organizations and their membership are alerted to the existence of the pen-type modified .22 caliber weapons.

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The San Diego Division is requested to check indices and advise of any case involving theft or hijacking of a shipment of pen-type tear gas guns made in Italy.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to 115th MIG, Pasadena; NISO, San Diego; OSI, Norton Air Force Base; Secret Service, Los Angeles; and Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division.

Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office advised 12/20/68.

The source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] an informant of continuing value, and for this reason the LHM is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

[redacted] advised [redacted] received the tear gas guns from an [redacted] acquaintance, formerly affiliated with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) in Los Angeles. By letter dated 10/18/68, Los Angeles advised that [redacted] who resigned from the Los Angeles PLP a few months ago, was in touch with an unidentified group in San Francisco area, possibly identical with the Revolutionary Union. No past members of the Los Angeles PLP are known to be presently residing in the San Francisco area.

The San Francisco Division should expedite leads set out in referenced letter to identify the four individuals from the San Francisco - Oakland area and their organizational affiliation, so [redacted] may be eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

Los Angeles will intensify investigation to determine the origin of the tear gas guns and the Bureau will be advised expeditiously of pertinent developments.

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REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
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(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

ReBulet 10/7/68 requesting all correspondence and communications relating to captioned organization and its members, not subject to dissemination outside the Bureau, include below the character the notation "(Nationalities Intelligence)."

You are instructed to insure compliance with this request. The notation, which is for routing purpose at the Seat of Government, should be included in captions on cover pages for investigative reports and LHM's, for correspondence regarding informants and sources, as well as for all forms, letters and airtels relating to the investigations of the Revolutionary Union, its affiliate organizations and membership. Failure to include this notation can cause unnecessary delay in processing correspondence regarding this investigation at the Seat of Government.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO(100-61281) DATE: 1/6/69

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-3331) P*

SUBJECT: ✓ REVOLUTIONARY UNION
IS - RU
OO: San Francisco

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 8/15/68; Albuquerque letter to Bureau, 10/25/68; and Bureau letter to Albuquerque, 11/12/68.

For the information of the Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, and San Antonio Divisions, the Revolutionary Union (RU), commonly known as the Red Union, was organized in the San Francisco area during the early part of 1968 as a covert Marxist-Leninist group which planned to follow the line of Chinese Communist Party. Its ultimate goal is to overthrow the present form of government in the United States and replace it with a government based on the tenets of Marxist-Leninist as interpreted by MAO TSE-TUNG.

To achieve its goal the RU believes in and advocates force and violence in the form of open guerrilla warfare. Leaders of the RU are all former long-time members of the Communist Party, USA, who broke with the Party as a result of the Sino-Soviet split.

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During August, 1968, [redacted] advised that RU leaders had expressed a high regard for [redacted] former member of the CP,USA, who is presently residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and by letter dated 11/12/68, the Bureau granted Albuquerque authority to review the long distance toll call records for [redacted] telephone number for the past and the next six months.

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On 12/17/68, [redacted] (PROTECT), [redacted] Albuquerque, New Mexico, an established source of the Albuquerque Office, advised SA STUART J. CAMERON that [redacted]

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[redacted] was active in the Progressive Labor Party in San Francisco before moving to [redacted] New Mexico. She visited Cuba during the summer of 1964 and when questioned regarding this visit by the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in September, 1964, she was uncooperative and invoked the Fifth Amendment on numerous occasions.

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On 10/11/53, former [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] for approximately three and one half years. This source advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were known to [redacted] as members of the CP, USA, and their [redacted] New Mexico, known as [redacted] had been used in the past for meetings held by policy making CP groups. On 3/20/68, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been in recent contact with [redacted] and that it was [redacted] opinion that [redacted] currently supported the aims and purposes of the CP, USA. (X)(U)

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Both [redacted] and [redacted] are also [redacted]

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Offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to determine the identities of [redacted]
[redacted] within their divisions and furnish San Francisco and Albuquerque with their identities and any pertinent information regarding their relationship with either RU or [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

DATE: 1/14/69

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72077)(P)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka
IS - RU
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)
OO: San Francisco

Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 12/24/68.

The following steps have been taken to determine the source of the pen-type tear gas weapons modified to fire .22 caliber projectiles:

Los Angeles indices contain no information concerning thefts of pen-type tear gas weapons.

On 12/20/68, RUSSELL SCHMELTZER, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Intelligence Unit, and HOWARD GILLESPIE, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LACSO), Intelligence Unit, were alerted concerning this matter. They could furnish no information concerning any reported thefts of pen-type tear gas guns. They further advised they doubted whether these weapons were stolen in California, as possession of such weapon is a felony, and they cannot legally be imported for sale in California.

On 1/6/69, LAPD and LACSO Intelligence Divisions advised all patrol units had been notified and in no instance has such a weapon been located on any arrestee. During this period approximately 30 to 40 militants, both Negro and Caucasian, have been arrested.

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 - 1 - 100-66519)(SDS)
 - 1 - [redacted]
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On 1/8/69, [REDACTED] (Protect), b7D

[REDACTED] advised no such weapons have been located on militants arrested in the [REDACTED] California area during the past few months.

On 12/30/68, CHARLES DAUS, Investigator, Alcohol Tabacco and Tax Division, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that the unmodified tear gas guns would not be classified as firearms and as a result no record of permits would be maintained for these weapons.

On 12/30/68, PRESTON FREEMAN, Import Specialist, Bureau of Customs, San Pedro, California, advised that he could locate no record of a permit or inquiry to secure a permit for these type weapons.

On 12/31/68, GERALD ST. GEORGE, George F. Cake and Company, Police Equipment Suppliers 621 West Garvey Avenue, Monterey Park, California, advised his firm does not handle such equipment and he knows of no distributor of Italian-made tear gas pens in the Los Angeles area. The weapon was described to ST. GEORGE and he advised that the Colt Firearms Company, Hartford, Connecticut makes a similar type weapon.

On 12/24/68, [REDACTED] (PROB) was contacted and [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] knows of no pen-type tear gas guns in possession of militants which are being modified to fire cartridges. b7D
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On 1/6/69, [REDACTED] (Protect - Under consideration for development as PSI) has voluntarily furnished information concerning activities at Los Angeles City College. [REDACTED] advised that Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) is not an official recognized campus organization at Los Angeles City College and meetings of this group are held on campus by a group using the name Friends of SDS. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both attend meetings of this

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organization and [redacted] advised [redacted] has never heard [redacted] mention making any type of weapon nor has [redacted] ever observed a pen-type gas gun in his possession.

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On 1/6/69, [redacted] an informant deeply involved in SDS activities and acquainted with [redacted] advised [redacted] has never mentioned manufacturing any type of weapons nor has a tear gas pen ever been observed in his possession.

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On 1/9/69, [redacted] (Former probationary racial informant) advised that the Colt Firearms Company has marketed a pen-type aerial flare kit which also expells tear gas which is widely available through surplus and gun stores in the Los Angeles area. [redacted] advised this gun is very similar in appearance and operation to the one made in Italy and this flare gun can also be modified to fire projectiles. [redacted] advised [redacted] modified one to fire shot gun pellets. [redacted] stated [redacted] accidentally dropped it on the floor and it discharged itself and [redacted] was wounded by it. [redacted] advised [redacted] considers the weapon unsafe to the user when modified. [redacted] stated that [redacted] knows of no militant group in the Los Angeles area utilizing such weapons. [redacted] said these tear gas guns are frequently carried by individuals and salesmen frequenting high-crime rate areas as a means of self-protection.

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Investigation to date has failed to develop any information that the modified pen-type gas guns are being distributed to militants in the Los Angeles area or being modified in this area. Informants in close contact with [redacted] and [redacted] as well as militant groups in the Los Angeles area have been advised to expeditiously notify this office in the event any information comes to their attention concerning these Italian-made pen-type gas guns.

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This matter is being closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of all pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Francisco, California
December 19, 1968

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Reference is made to San Francisco report in this matter dated October 17, 1968.

On December 19, 1968, SF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 17, 1968, BRUCE FRANKLIN, leader of the Palo Alto local of the Revolutionary Union, stated that members of that local are assigned specific duties as experts and mentioned specifically weapons and demolitions. According to FRANKLIN, the duty of the weapons expert is to insure that members have weapons, are trained in their use, and to see that they practice.

In connection with demolitions, FRANKLIN stated that the demolitions expert has tested dynamite and various plastic explosives. FRANKLIN further stated that the Palo Alto local of the Revolutionary Union has newly acquired thirty pounds of C-4 plastic explosive and that the demolition expert has tested it. FRANKLIN remarked that this is a very powerful explosive. According to FRANKLIN, they obtained the C-4 from an individual who had been keeping it in his home but whose wife insisted that he get rid of it.

SF T-1 further advised that FRANKLIN also stated that the Palo Alto local of the Revolutionary Union also has a case of MACE, the belt-type cannisters, which they obtained for \$7.00 per can. They obtained the MACE from an unnamed individual who ordered the MACE from Alabama, had it shipped to Oregon and then brought it to Palo Alto by bus. According to SF T-1, identifying labels have been removed from the MACE cannisters.

In December, 1968, SF T-2 advised that an educational class in Battle First Aid was held at the home of BRUCE [redacted] FRANKLIN on December 17, 1968, the class being composed of [redacted]

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of members of the Palo Alto local of the Revolutionary Union and members of the Peninsula Red Guard. The class was taught by a doctor from Stanford University. However, the doctor had left before source arrived and source was unable to determine his identity. SF T-2 stated that he recognized the following individuals at this meeting known to him as members of the Palo Alto Revolutionary Union:

BRUCE [REDACTED] FRANKLIN

Source stated that [REDACTED] did not know any of the Red Guard members present and was not introduced to them.

According to SF T-2, BRUCE FRANKLIN stated that he and more than thirty others, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the San Francisco local of the Revolutionary Union, had attended a gun show and sale in Mountain View, California, on Saturday, December 14, 1968. FRANKLIN stated, "We really cleaned up--got everything that was there." FRANKLIN further stated that they had purchased some handguns, some of which had already been resold to girls connected with the local Peace and Freedom Party. FRANKLIN also remarked that at a previous gun show the Revolutionary Union had purchased some armor-piercing incendiary ammunition.

On December 19, 1968, SF T-1 advised that an area meeting of the Revolutionary Union has been scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 1969, the place not yet set and that the main topic for discussion will be whether or not the Revolutionary Union is to surface. According to SF T-1, there is a mounting feeling toward surfacing within the Revolutionary Union membership but LEIBEL BERGMAN, co-founder of the Revolutionary Union, is very much opposed to surfacing. BERGMAN is attempting to work out a compromise solution before the area meeting whereby those who feel that they must surface be permitted to do so while those who wish to maintain the clandestine nature of their Revolutionary Union membership be permitted to do so.

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On December 16, 1968, Mr. RICHARD P. WILKINS, Range Master, San Mateo County Rifle Range, Coyote Point, San Mateo, California, advised that on December 11, 1968, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were utilizing the range. Mr. WILKINS stated that they had three M-1 carbines, one M-1 Garand rifle, a .22 caliber rifle and a handgun. Mr. WILKINS furnished the serial numbers of the M-1 carbines as 185115, 4548761, and 531529. He furnished the serial number of the M-1 Garand as 299799.

Mr. WILKINS noted that these five individuals arrived at the range in a 1958 Chevrolet, California license [REDACTED] and in a silver Ferrari, California license [REDACTED]. He furnished the home address of the [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] California, of [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] California, and of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SF T-1 and SF T-2 have identified [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as members of the San Francisco local of the Revolutionary Union and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as members of the Palo Alto local of the Revolutionary Union.

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Date: 12/19/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] b3
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-61281) (P) b7E
 SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION
 IS - RU
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Enclosed herewith are fifteen copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above at San Francisco. One copy of instant LHM is enclosed for Chicago. Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to Secret Service, 115th MI Group, OSI, 19th District and NISO, 12th Naval District.

SF T-1 and SF T-2 are [redacted] and two symbol numbers have been utilized in order to better protect this extremely valuable informant.

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 (1 - 100- [redacted]; New Left Violence) b7E
 (1 - 157- [redacted]; Stockpiling of Arms and Ammunition)

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 (1 - 157-1171; Stockpiling of Arms)
 (1 - 100-56804; BRUCE FRANKLIN)

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The LHM has been classified "~~SECRET~~" in accordance with Bureau instructions in order to protect the sensitive identity of [redacted] and the sensitive LEIBEL BERGMAN intelligence investigation.

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It is noted that in the attached LHM characterizations of individuals referred to in the LHM have not been set forth inasmuch as characterizations were set forth in San Francisco report 10/17/68, which report has already been disseminated to indicated recipients..

San Francisco will continue to follow this matter closely with [redacted] in an effort to ascertain the number of weapons purchased by FRANKLIN and his group at the Mountain View Gun Show and in order to attempt to determine the location of the RU's arms cache and of the C-4 explosive.

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[redacted] In connection with the 140 investigation of [redacted] San Francisco has previously recommended that the 140 investigation be postponed until after the January area meeting of the RU in order that the current status of [redacted] within the RU may be ascertained. In this connection, San Francisco further wishes to point out that should the RU decide at the area meeting that they should surface subsequent loyalty investigation of [redacted] may be conducted without jeopardizing [redacted]

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It is noted that San Francisco has made recommendation for sensitive coverage of BRUCE FRANKLIN and it is believed that the information set forth in attached LHM will buttress San Francisco's recommendation and the Bureau may wish to call this to the attention of the department.

In connection with the continuing investigation of the RU, San Francisco has been considering interviews with selective members in the three locals looking toward developing additional informants or, if unsuccessful, causing disruption. However, on 12/19/68, [redacted] advised that an area meeting of the RU has been scheduled for 1/12/69, and that the main topic of discussion set for this area meeting is the surfacing of the RU. Informant noted that LEIBEL BERGMAN is greatly opposed to surfacing and wishes to maintain the clandestine nature of this organization. Informant again emphasized the adverse impact of the attempt to interview [redacted] and the subsequent serving of a subpoena upon [redacted] again

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indicating that BERGMAN and [redacted] are quite "shaken" over this. It is further noted that [redacted] advised that at the last executive committee meeting of the RU, the San Francisco local was criticized for its lack of action as a collective. San Francisco believes that any action by this office prior to the 1/12/69 area meeting may cause the meeting to be called off or may cause the RU to decide not to surface.

San Francisco accordingly will postpone any further overt action concerning the RU until after the area meeting in January at which time our investigative efforts against the RU will be re-evaluated in terms of the decision reached by the RU at that meeting.

If the RU decides to surface, this office will be freed of the necessity of conducting covert investigation in order to protect [redacted] and will be then free to conduct overt investigation of the RU and its membership.

In view of the information set out in the attached LHM, San Francisco believes that at this time our investigative efforts must be concentrated on investigation leading to the identification of weapons in the possession of the RU and identification of the site of their weapons cache.

San Francisco further wishes to point out that precipitate disruptive activity against the RU at this point may jeopardize the placing of informants in the RU whereas once the RU has surfaced, if such is their decision, we will be in a better position to target individuals against the organization.

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Re San Francisco airtel and LHM dated 12/19/68,
single copies of which are enclosed for New York, Los
Angeles, San Diego and Seattle.

Set forth below for information of Bureau and
recipient offices is a summary of current developments in
this matter:

On 1/14/69, information was received from CII,
State of California, that on 12/29/68, five MWAs in their
early 20's utilized the Alameda County Gun Range (Chabot
Gun Club), arriving in a car registered to [redacted]
[redacted] a member of the San Francisco local of the RU.

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Three white hippie type females were also using the range
at this time. Weapons used included a 1917 Enfield 30/06,
a M-1 Garand, two M-1 .30 caliber carbines, two model
1893 Mausers, 7 millimeter, two .22 rifles and two
Winchester model 1897 shotguns. All of these individuals
were reported to be poor shots.

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Liaison has been set up with CII in this matter and this office will be advised weekly of the identity of the individuals utilizing the Alameda County Gun Range.

In connection with locating possible arms and explosive cache of the Palo Alto local of the RU, it has been determined that The Resistance in Palo Alto in late 1967 purchased twenty acres of land in an isolated area of the Santa Cruz mountains accessible only by jeep or other four wheel drive vehicle. The real estate dealer handling the transaction states that one could shoot a rifle on this property for days on end and no one would ever hear it. It is noted that both BRUCE FRANKLIN and [redacted] of the Palo Alto local of the RU have had past affiliation with one of the two Resistance representatives purchasing this property.

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Through cooperation with the U.S. Navy at Moffett Field, this property will be subject to an aerial photo reconnaissance on 1/15/69, and during the week of 1/20/69, weather permitting, SAs of this office will make a physical survey of the property with the cooperation of the Fire Rangers. It is contemplated that if arms and/or explosives are found the Rangers will refer it to the Santa Cruz SO for appropriate action without the Bureau's interest being disclosed and San Francisco will attempt to insure that subsequent events receive appropriate press attention.

In connection with the above, it is interesting to note that on 1/7/69, [redacted] BRUCE FRANKLIN, indicated to [redacted] that they were [redacted]

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✓ [redacted] Incidental to this conversation, BRUCE FRANKLIN exhibited to [redacted] a recently fired target with the shots grouped within an approximately 5" circle at 100 yards. He fired the target with a "sniper's rifle" with scope, which cost him in the neighborhood of \$200. (X) (U)

[redacted] cautioned FRANKLIN against keeping arms or explosives in private homes in the event the homes might be raided and FRANKLIN stated that "legal guns" are maintained in the homes but illegal arms and explosives are stashed away. (X) (U)

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Reference is made to Chicago airtel to Bureau, cc New York, 1/6/69, captioned "AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR A MARXIST-

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LENINIST PARTY, USA; IS-CH" indicating that [redacted] has a group in Chicago known as [redacted]. It is interesting in this connection that [redacted] on 1/7/69, BRUCE FRANKLIN informed [redacted] that LEIBEL BERGMAN has been in touch with a group in Chicago and has been working with this group for some time. Most of the group's membership belong to the same union and FRANKLIN stated that this group is going to be a RU group. (X)(U)

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Of further current interest is the revelation by [redacted] that BRUCE FRANKLIN is attempting to set up a RU group in San Jose, California, through [redacted] and the informant. However, no action has been taken as yet inasmuch as [redacted] has not permanently relocated to San Jose. [redacted] heretofore unknown to this office is the subject of current investigation. (X)(U)

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As the Bureau and Chicago are aware, the East Bay local of the RU has been having trouble with a factionalist dispute over the question of STALIN, the problem centering around [redacted]. At the meeting of the San Francisco local of the RU on 12/10/68, it was announced that the Executive Committee of the RU had instructed the East Bay local to handle this problem themselves. However, [redacted] member of the Executive Committee, stated that although the above was entered in the minutes the East Bay local was actually told to bring [redacted] into line or get rid of him. (X)(U)

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On 1/13/69, [redacted] advised that at the meeting of the East Bay local of the RU on 1/12/69, six of the members had presented statements and formally resigned from the RU. [redacted] advised that there was no animosity over these resignations and that the six had left on a friendly basis. [redacted] was unable to determine the identities of any of these individuals. However, it is believed that the six probably included [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]. It is expected that complete details of this defection will be ascertained by [redacted] at the RU area meeting on 1/19/69. (X)(U)

While these individuals have resigned from the RU over a factional dispute, there is no reason to believe that their basic revolutionary philosophy has changed and San Francisco is not recommending interviews at this time lest such interviews jeopardize current investigation of the RU. However, should the RU surface as a result of the upcoming

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area meeting, interviews of the six defectors will be re-considered both for intelligence purposes and as a disruptive technique. (X)(U)

[redacted] advised on 1/13/69, that on 12/22/68, some 25 RU members and guests celebrated the birthday of MAO Tse-tung with an elaborate feast at the Ming Garden Chinese Restaurant, Oakland, California. [redacted] advised that the revisionist clique was notably absent and that the conversation was generally social in nature. (X)(U)

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It is interesting to note that on 1/7/69, [redacted] questioned BRUCE FRANKLIN as to his feelings about the recent bombings at the College of San Mateo (CSM). FRANKLIN indicated that he disagreed with the bombings since they only serve to widen the gulf between the two revolutionary factions at CSM. The one faction, the bombers, has moved too far to the left and has become merely terrorists, the other faction, led by [redacted] being to the right of the center where militancy is concerned. (X)(U)

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A further summary will be furnished after debriefing of [redacted] concerning the 1/19/69 area meeting. (X)(U)

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Introduction

There is, of course, a limited value to statements which try to describe in a few words any living society. Nevertheless, the world revolutionary movement has produced a body of ideas drawn from objective reality and tested in political struggle. The following elementary theses contain a core of ideas which must be developed, concretized, and deepened through application to American class struggle. They form the basis for our revolutionary perspective for the United States.

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We are aware that what follows represents only a primitive understanding of the reality of the American revolution. Its greatest shortcoming is that it lacks detailed understanding of the methods to be employed in our aims. We need to develop our ability to accomplish, together with others, our many pressing tasks. But we are not discouraged. We know that the program of a party at any time is less important than its conscientious application to serving the people, in practicing criticism and self-criticism in summing up its work, and to developing a thorough struggle against bourgeois self-interest in membership and leadership, and against opportunism in organizational affairs.

We are determined to do apply ourselves. And we invite others who are in general agreement with our views and are willing to assume part of the responsibility for their implementation to join with us in preparing and undertaking the task of struggle.

~~(U)~~The Present Situation and the Task

American monopoly capitalism not only oppresses the working class of the United States; it extends its tentacles of exploitation throughout the world, most viciously in Asia, Africa and Latin America, where this imperialist system extracts, at the point of a gun, super-profits from super-exploitation. The present period of history is marked by the struggles of these peoples against American imperialism. Today, the focal point of these struggles is Vietnam; tomorrow it may be Bolivia, or Thailand, Southern Africa or the Middle East.

As the peoples of the world increasingly seize the initiative in their global confrontation with U.S. imperialism, the ability of monopoly capitalism to resolve its contradictions with the American working class becomes progressively limited, setting the stage for the seizure of state power by the working class. It is, therefore, a primary revolutionary duty of Americans to build a militant united front of workers and progressive sectors of the middle classes against American imperialism.

Because our ruling class is the main prop of world imperialism, the American revolutionary has a special responsibility to the peoples of the world. Their victories are our victories and whatever we can accomplish to weaken our oppressor is of multiplied benefit to their struggles. We believe that it is important for the revolutionary socialist in the U.S. to recognize and accept this responsibility.

It is not possible, however, for U.S. workers, in their great majority to unite against American imperialism unless their class consciousness is heightened through the political work of revolutionaries. This includes not only the consciousness of their own exploitation which, for the most part, they already possess, but must also include an understanding of the inseparable inter-relationship between monopoly's exploitation of American workers and its super-exploitation of the peoples of the colonial and semi-colonial world. And, beyond this, must include a consciousness of their own power to be the decisive force in the defeat of their class enemy, the monopoly capitalist ruling class.

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Building opposition to American imperialism will also lay the foundation for a fight against a future ~~STRUCTURE~~^{STRUCTURE} after the attainment of socialism - specifically against the tendency that will then arise to enjoy the fruits of a rationalized and unfeathered American economy without sufficient regard to raising the standard of living in the underdeveloped world.

A special comment on Black people within the United States is required: Black people are an imported colonial people, brought to this country in chains and dispersed throughout it. Robbed of their land and resources and divested of their cultural heritage, Black people today are forced into oppressed communities, exploited by absentee white business interests, and controlled and contained by an occupying army of ~~SLAVE~~^{U.S.} mercenaries. Because of their particular geographic situation--dispersed in concentrations among the larger population--it is extremely unlikely that Black people can win total liberation before American imperialism is definitively destroyed. Also, Black people are, in their overwhelming majority, working people. Therefore, while they are a colonial people whose immediate struggle is closely linked with those of the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, they are, at the same time, in the forefront of the proletarian movement in the United States and will ultimately be joined by the white working class to deal the death blow to monopoly capitalism.

That the struggle for Black liberation at present surpasses, in revolutionary militancy, the struggle of the working class against exploitation emphasizes the need for revolutionaries to link up with the working class, develop therein increasing support for the demands of Black people and increasing struggle against their common exploiters. Our victory lies in the revolutionary unity of the exploited.

It is our conviction that the American working class, Black and white, and its allies will smash the state apparatus controlled by the monopoly capitalists and set up their own form of State: The Dictatorship of the Proletariat. The socialist state will embody the highest form of democracy ever achieved in the United States. It will eliminate the exploitation of labor; carry out democratic economic planning; establish "self-determination" as the inviolable right for all national minorities including a separate territory if so desired; insure basic human needs of food, clothing, housing, education, and culture for all people; and defend the socialist state against armed counter-revolution.

To this end we pledge our efforts and our lives and resolve to further this goal through all the immediate struggles of our exploited people.

ESSAY ON AMERICAN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM

I. The class basis of U.S. society.

Who are our enemies? Who are our friends? The central theoretical task of revolutionary collectives is to analyze the economic and political status of American classes and their attitudes toward the revolution. Only then can a revolutionary line emerge, and with it the beginnings of a revolutionary party.

The basic consideration to be made in defining and understanding classes is how they relate to the productive process, that is, what is produced, how it is produced, and how the products are exchanged. As complex as that economic structure is, it is the basis of all social structure and the root of all social change. To begin to understand it and to be capable of revolutionizing it, the first step is to distinguish between two antagonistic classes: the monopoly capitalists, who own and control the means of production, distribution, and communication; and the workers, who are controlled and forced to work for the profit of the monopoly capitalists.

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The second, more difficult step in the development of a comprehensive class analysis is a breakdown of all the classes in American society. An understanding of their economic inter-relationships will indicate the extent of their revolutionary development and potential, and will reveal their relative importance to the success of the revolution. This understanding must necessarily come from much experience in working and struggling with the people who collectively make up a particular class, and from a detailed knowledge of the inner workings of American corporate capitalism.

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The central complication that arises in even the most rudimentary analysis of classes is the question of the colonized people within America: the black, brown, yellow, and red people. While they are representative of the most oppressed sectors of the working class, they are also closely linked, in condition and struggle, to the people of the Third World. As such, these colonies within America embody elements of both the internal and external struggles against the American ruling class. On the one hand is the struggle of the American working class against monopoly capitalism; on the other hand is the struggle of the colonized people of the world against American imperialism.

II. Racism and U.S. monopoly capitalism

Racism, like national chauvinism, tribalism, and anti-semitism, is the ideological product of a class divided society. These ideologies all serve to divide the oppressed classes and strengthen the oppressors. Present-day racism, directed primarily against Black people, Chicanos, American Indians, and Latin Americans, draws its strength from monopoly capitalism's basic economic strategy designed to maintain a surplus of labor and prevent the unity of the exploited.

All aspects of bourgeois ideology that penetrate the working class must be struggled against and overcome. This is especially true for racist ideology, which is very strong in the white working class and prevents its advance. We must expose this ideology continuously and defeat it in practice before the necessary unity of the working class against monopoly capitalism can be achieved. Thereafter the establishment of a socialist state will go a long way toward the elimination of present-day racism; the advent of communism will wipe it out entirely.

III. The State as an instrument of class rule.

Government in the U.S. (the courts, legislature, police forces, bureaucracy, etc.) reflects the clash of the antagonistic interests of the exploited and the exploiters. Government institutions, dominated by representatives of the propertied classes, are the theater of operations where conflicts within the capitalist class can be peacefully mediated, and where interclass conflicts can be resolved on terms most favorable to the capitalist class.

"The state," writes Lenin, "is the product and the manifestation of the irreconcilability of class antagonisms. The state arises when, where, and to the extent that class antagonisms cannot be objectively reconciled. And conversely, the existence of the state proves that the class antagonisms are irreconcilable.... The state is a special organization of force; it is the organization of violence for the suppression of the working class."

IV. Consequences of the capitalist state.

The exploitative rule of the American capitalist class is synonymous with and inevitably produces unemployment and poverty, militarism and imperialism, racism and chauvinism.

In addition, American monopoly capitalism breeds a culture of exploitation and alienation on an individual as well as collective level: competition is valued over co-operation; oppression, cajolery, or coercion, rather than mutual respect, form the

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basis for personal relationships; the sciences, subsidized by the large corporations or by the capitalist state itself, are perverted to the demands of private profit and the class interests of the monopolists; and artists are forced to compromise themselves before a manipulated market place, thus insuring that those ideas compatible with class domination-- "rigged individualism," the irrationality and emptiness of human existence, the indelible apathy and ignorance of the masses, racism and chauvinism, subtle and overt-- are hammered into the collective consciousness.

V. The abolition of capitalism's consequences.

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The only way to abolish the exploitation of labor and the decadent society built on this foundation is to destroy the state power of the exploiting class: the American monopoly capitalists.

In the struggle against unemployment and poverty, militarism and imperialism, racism, chauvinism, and war, and in the development of a revolutionary culture of masses in motion, the necessary numbers, strength, consciousness, and unity to overthrow capitalism will be achieved.

VI. The necessity for armed struggle.

"An oppressed class which does not strive to learn to use arms, to acquire arms, deserves to be treated like slaves. We cannot forget, unless we have become bourgeois pacifists or opportunists, that we are living in a class society, that there is no way out, and there can be none, except by means of the class struggle and the overthrow of the power of the ruling class.

"In every class society, whether it is based on slavery, serfdom or, as at present, on wage labor, the oppressing class is armed. The modern standing army, and even the modern militia... (National Guard)... represents the bourgeoisie armed against the proletariat. This is such an elementary truth that it is hardly necessary to dwell on it. It is sufficient to recall the use of troops against strikers, which occurs in all capitalist countries without exception. The fact that the bourgeoisie is armed against the proletariat is one of the biggest, most fundamental, most important facts in modern capitalist society.

"Only ~~when~~ the proletariat has disarmed the bourgeoisie will it be able, without betraying its world-historical mission, to throw all armaments on the scrapheap; the proletariat will undoubtedly do this, but only when this condition has been fulfilled, certainly not before" (Lenin).

We recognize the eventual need for organized armed struggle against the power of the state, and assume the responsibilities of revolutionaries in the preparation of that struggle. The people must be armed, organized and under the direction of the revolutionary party serving the working class. We further recognize that the revolution will not end with the seizure of state power. That power must be retained and consolidated under the political rule of the working class, that is, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. It will be under the political leadership of the working class that the secure transition to socialism will be effected.

The recognition of class struggle leads inevitably to the recognition of the necessity for violent revolution and the political rule of the working class. It is the task of the revolutionary party of the working class, guided by Marxism-Leninism, to lead the people to victory. The organized repressive violence of the state must be met with the organized revolutionary violence of the people. POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

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THREE ON BUILDING AN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

The last few years have witnessed a thrilling escalation of protest and confrontation to the oppressive policies of the rulers of America. The mounting struggles for Black liberation and against the imperialist aggression in Vietnam have swelled the ranks of those who recognize the enemy and dare to confront it. Significant also in this regard have been the struggles against wide-spread poverty, the growing number and length of working class strikes, and the revolt of students against the controlled educational system that perpetuates a caste system and attempts to transform students into the servants of reaction. As the results of these protests are evaluated, their limitations are recognized by an increasing number of dedicated activists, resulting in a developing consciousness of the need to transform the protest movement into a revolutionary movement; a movement capable not merely of being a thorn in the side of the ruling class, but one capable of destroying that class and creating a new society: a steersman that is not primitive, fragmented and directionless, but one guided by a revolutionary party based on Marxist-Leninist principles. How are we to transform today's radical movement into a revolutionary movement? History shows that revolutionary movements are successful only when they are guided by highly-organized, well-disciplined revolutionary parties. History also shows that revolutionary parties are only successful when there are revolutionary masses. The people need a party and the party needs the people; neither can succeed without the other.

Presently in America there is neither a revolutionary party nor revolutionary masses. The movement is diffuse, loosely connected, and primitive in organization and ideology. The most immediate and urgent practical task facing American revolutionaries is to establish an organization of revolutionaries capable of maintaining the energy, the continuity, and the direction of the political struggle, thereby creating the conditions for the emergence of a revolutionary party.

How should revolutionaries carry out this most important task? Although there are individuals and groups in the United States seeking to play a revolutionary role, there is no single revolutionary party which actually leads the American working people or seems likely to have a promising future in this regard. It is also unlikely that a revolutionary party will develop strictly as a result of the day-to-day struggles of the working class. Consequently, we think it necessary for individuals with a revolutionary perspective to form collectives which link up with working people and serve their class interests. These groups should accept a collective discipline, carry out criticism and self-criticism of their political work, and apply the most advanced revolutionary concepts to all their common efforts. By doing this we hope to move toward the development of an American revolutionary party. We encourage revolutionaries in other areas to build collectives for this purpose.

Most groups that call themselves Marxist-Leninist at the present time are predominantly white and have no base in the Black people's movement. On the other hand, it is clear that among the Black people, there are groups, though not calling themselves Marxist-Leninist, that are applying the scientific experience of revolution to the liberation of their people. And it is precisely from these groups that the greatest present advances, both in practice and theory, are coming. We believe that a major section of the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist Party in the U.S. will come from these groups. The Marxist-Leninist Party is the general staff of the working class struggle. There is one enemy, monopoly capitalism, and to defeat it we need and will achieve a single general staff.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE BUILDING OF COLLECTIVES ON A LOCAL BASIS AND THE EXCHANGES OF EXPERIENCES BETWEEN THEM CAN CONTRIBUTE THE MOST TO THE CREATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF A MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY.

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A revolutionary collective serves the working people: both their immediate and long-term interests. It does this by linking up with them, learning from them, fighting in their ranks for better conditions or in resistance to an attack upon them, and by helping to develop a more advanced revolutionary theory for the advancement of the struggle to a higher stage. At the same time eight bonds of every effort towards victory in the immediate struggle, it gives special attention to raising the popular consciousness, and discovering and training revolutionaries.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Organizational Principles

A revolutionary organization should base itself on Marxism-Leninism, not as a dogma, but as a constantly developing body of thought that unites revolutionary theory with revolutionary practice. The organization must apply Marxism-Leninism, as it has developed through Mao, to the concrete situation within the United States, in order to prepare the conditions for the liberation of working people and mankind.

A revolutionary collective should be composed of a relatively small number of highly dedicated, well-disciplined persons who are willing to subordinate individual preferences to collective decisions and who are capable of working in accordance with an equitable, rational, and efficient division of labor. The collective should be the focal point for intellectual activity, practical activity, and an effort to integrate the two.

Intellectual activity refers to study and analysis. The collectives must study the history of revolutionary theory and practice and must consider how that history can be applied to the current situation in America. At the same time, the collectives must analyze the present situation in their localities and in America in general, for knowledge of revolutionary history is useless if we are ignorant of the contemporary conditions to which we want to apply it. What is the nature of the class struggle in various localities? What can be generalized of the nature of the class struggle in America? What can revolutionary history teach us about how to relate to these struggles? These are the primary questions that revolutionary collectives must attempt to answer.

Practical activity refers both to the formulation of tactics for day-to-day struggle and also to the development of a strategy which can place day-to-day tactics in a comprehensive revolutionary context. The collectives must work strenuously to relate the development of tactics and strategy to the development of study and analysis. If it is true that a revolutionary party cannot exist without revolutionary masses, it is also true that it cannot successfully lead the masses to victory if it fails to unify intellectual activity with practical activity. In striving to achieve this unity, collectives should employ the principle of criticism and self-criticism, which is designed not to embarrass individuals, but to improve their political work.

What kind of relationship should exist between the collectives? At first the relationship will involve little more than exchange of information and experience and perhaps some joint regional political activity when it seems useful. Eventually, however, the collectives ought to relate to each other on the basis of democratic centralism. Mao Tse-tung has summed up the cardinal principles of democratic centralism: "(1) the individual is subordinate to the organization; (2) the minority is subordinate to the majority; (3) the lower level is subordinate to the higher level; (4) the entire membership is subordinate to the central committee."

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Democratic centralism should be the principle that ultimately defines the structural relationship between collectives. Mass line should be the principle that defines the structural relationship between collectives and other progressive groups and people. What is mass line? "Every communist working among the masses, writes Mao, "should be their friend and not a task over them, an indefatigable teacher and not a bureaucratic politician. At no time and in no circumstances should a communist place his personal interests first; he should subordinate them to the interests of the nation and of the masses... Communists should work in harmony with all progressives outside the party and endeavor to unite the native people to do away with whatever is undesirable. It must be realized that communists form only a small section of the nation, and that there are large numbers of non-progressives and activists outside the Party with whom we must work. It is entirely wrong to think that we alone are good and no one else is any good."

Within the collectives: study, class analysis, the development of tactics and strategy, a continual effort to integrate study and class analysis with tactics and strategy, the practice of criticism and self-criticism in making this effort. Between the collectives: at first, informal exchanges of information and experience and occasional joint regional political activity; eventually a more formal national organization based on democratic centralism. Between the collectives and other progressive groups and people: the application of mass line. These are the principles, we believe, that form the basis for the creation and growth of revolutionary collectives.

We in the Bay Area Revolutionary Union publish this paper with the twin aims of encouraging the creation of revolutionary collectives in other areas and of contacting groups that may already be in existence with similar aims. We undertake for the next immediate period to service the exchange of experience between groups until better methods are devised through consultation and agreement.

"make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again...till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic. This is a Marxist law. When we say 'imperialism is凶ocious,' we mean that its nature will never change, that the imperialists will never lay down their butcher knives, that they will never become Buddhas, till their doom.

"fight, fail, fight again, fail again, fight again...till their victory; that is the logic of the people, and they too will never go against this logic. This is another Marxist law. The Russian people's revolution followed this law, and so has the Chinese people's revolution."

Mao Tse-Tung 1949

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Re San Francisco airtel dated 1/15/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau and recipient offices
are single xerox copies of the current Prospectus of the
RU. (X)(U)

Set forth below for information of Bureau and
recipient offices is a summary of developments at the RU
area meeting in Palo Alto, California, [redacted] as furnished
by [redacted] (X)(U)

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The area meeting, closed to all but members of the
RU, was held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the home of
[redacted] Palo Alto. The
meeting was chaired by [redacted] and the minutes
were maintained by [redacted]. The following thirty-one
members were present and three members not present were
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San Francisco Local

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Two members were absent, [REDACTED] and EARL VON HERMANN, who were unable to attend because of previous commitments.

East Bay Local

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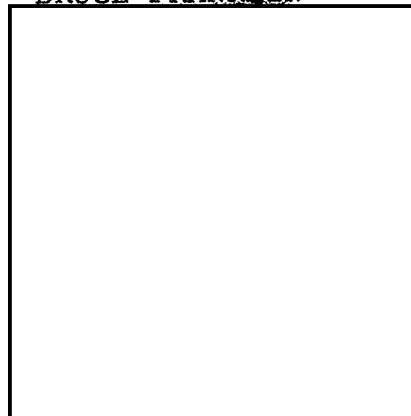
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Palo Alto Local

BRUCE FRANKLIN



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The following six individuals were specifically mentioned as members of the East Bay local who resigned the

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previous week over the question of STALIN and Democratic Centralism:



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[redacted] was not present at the meeting and was not mentioned. He is known, however, to [redacted] as a member of the [redacted] group. [redacted] and [redacted] previously identified as members of the East Bay local, were not present and were not mentioned and source has no reason to believe they are still members of the RU.

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The agenda was as follows:

(1) Reports of Locals:

a. San Francisco Local:

After having been criticized by the Executive Committee for failing to act as a collective, are now meeting again as a single unit. Reported on activities in connection with San Francisco State. [redacted] has formed a new organization, Research Organizing Committee, to conduct research on schools in general but emphasis will be on high schools and the black community and the organization will do organizing in these areas.

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b. East Bay Local:

Reported on the six who had resigned. Reported on activity in connection with strike against oil companys in the Richmond area.

c. Palo Alto Local:

Reported on the Peninsula Red Guard and SDS activity in disrupting meeting of Board of Trustees at Stanford University. BRUCE FRANKLIN is working with an "armed revolutionary collective" in San Mateo County consisting of sixteen blacks, caucasians, Latins and Orientals. FRANKLIN characterized group as "left adventurist" but stated they

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can be educated in Marxism-Leninism. The [] are working with an armed collective of some eighteen Peace and Freedom Party individuals who meet in the [] home. They were characterized as "almost Marxist-Leninist." The [] are working with another collective of high school kids and others and a new RU group is to be formed in the San Jose area.

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(2) Discussion and criticism of RU Prospectus (a copy of which is attached for Bureau and recipients) which sets forth RU line and aims. This will be made public in its revised form after the RU surfaces.

The attention of the Bureau and recipient offices is directed to Page 4 wherein the RU states, "We recognize the eventual need for organized armed struggle against the power of the State, and assume the responsibilities of revolutionaries in the preparation of that struggle. The people must be armed, organized and under the direction of the revolutionary party serving the working class.... The recognition of class struggle leads inevitably to the recognition of the necessity for violent revolution and the political rule of the working class.... The organized repressive violence of the state must be met with the organized revolutionary violence of the people."

(3) Surfacing:

There was a long argument between LEIBEL BERGMAN, who does not want to surface, and the supporters of BRUCE FRANKLIN, who want immediate surfacing. A compromise was finally reached that the Prospectus is to be revised and a paper is to be written by [] and [] on "In Defense of Marxism-Leninism". The revision and the new paper are to be completed before the next area meeting on 3/23/69, after which time the RU will surface. BERGMAN stated during the argument that even if the RU surfaces, he will remain in the background and further stated that he sees the role of the RU as in support of the Black Panther Party.

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At the end of the meeting, a twenty-nine page treatise on underground medicine was passed out. It reportedly was prepared by an underground medicine group at Stanford Medical School which meets at the home of RU members, [] and [].

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[redacted] being a senior at the Medical School.

In connection with the above, it is of interest that LEIBEL BERGMAN told [redacted] informants in 12/68 of the existence of such an underground medical group. *(S)* *(U)*

Of new members [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] are already subjects of case files in this office and these cases are being reopened for appropriate action. New cases are being opened for active investigation leading to summary reports and recommendations for inclusion on the Security Index of the other new RU members identified at this meeting.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-3331)

DATE: 1/31/69

W.B.H.
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-72077) (P)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY UNION, aka
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(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)
OO: San Francisco

Re Albuquerque letter to San Francisco, 1/6/69.

On 1/23/69, [redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted] was listed to [redacted]. This number was disconnected on November 11, 1968.

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During November 1968, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a member of the Executive Board, Southern California District Communist Party.

On 1/23/69, [redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted] was listed to [redacted]. [redacted] was a former member of the Communist Party in Pennsylvania.

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On 1/22/69, [redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted] was listed to [redacted]. [redacted] California.

[redacted] is a Regional Organizer for Students for a Democratic Society. He is employed by the [redacted]

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On 1/22/69, [redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted] was listed to [redacted]. [redacted] California. He is a [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] were both listed as sponsors of a Peace Action Council, anti-Vietnam war demonstration held on 6/23/67, at Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles files contain no information concerning the affiliation of any of these individuals with the Revolutionary Union.

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To: SAC, San Francisco (100-61281)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI [redacted]

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REVOLUTIONARY UNION (RU)
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(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)
DATED 2/12/69

ReSFairtel 1/28/69 advising of developments at the RU area meeting held on [redacted] at Palo Alto, California and enclosing a Prospectus which will be made public in revised form when the RU surfaces following the next area meeting scheduled for 3/23/69. (X) (U)

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The Prospectus clearly indicates the revolutionary pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist character of the RU and the organization's propensity for violence is obvious based upon evidence developed that its members are accumulating weapons and explosives while engaging in firearms and guerrilla warfare training. (X) (U)

The self-stated purpose of the RU Prospectus is to encourage the creation and growth of local revolutionary collectives in other areas and to establish contact with similar groups looking towards the creation in the near future of a national Marxist-Leninist party in allegiance with the Communist Party of China. Reliable informants have indicated the RU membership in the San Francisco area now numbers approximately 40 individuals organized in three functioning locals. It is most significant, reliable information has been developed indicating the RU is in current contact with similar revolutionary groups in San Francisco, Chicago,

1 - Chicago [redacted]
1 - Los Angeles (100-72077)
1 - New York

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Los Angeles and the San Mateo County and San Jose areas of California. There can be no doubt the influence and the threat presented by the RU is rapidly expanding. (X) (U)

You are requested to immediately submit specific recommendations looking towards exposure, disruption and total neutralization of the RU and its membership prior to its scheduled date of surfacing. Among the techniques which should be considered, possibly for enactment in the order listed, are the following: (X) (U)

1. Mass synchronized interviews of all RU members, as well as individuals who until recently have been members, including individuals identified with the organization's youth affiliate the Peninsula Red Guard or other militant groups closely identified with the organization. The purpose of these initial interviews would be to develop PSIs while forcing curtailment of RU activities. Appropriate diversion techniques should be developed to protect the security of [redacted] while endeavoring to compromise actual RU members as alleged informants. (X) (U)

2. Where local laws or statutes permit, efforts should be considered to have local authorities interrogate RU members known to possess arms and explosives and where possible to confiscate such material. (X) (U)

3. Consideration should be given to causing the subpoena of RU members before a local or federal grand jury so they may be questioned in detail regarding their RU affiliation and revolutionary objectives. Again, the objective would be to develop PSIs, to implicate RU members as informants while protecting [redacted] and to curtail RU activities.

In this regard, all action necessarily would be coordinated with the local U. S. Attorney after Department clearance. An effort would be made to permit the testimony of [redacted] under circumstances protecting [redacted] identity thus enabling continuance of [redacted] coverage. In addition to developing violations of federal and local laws, at or following the grand jury hearings consideration should be given to imprisoning or obtaining evidence from RU members through use of the immunity law. (X) (U)

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4. At an appropriate time, widespread discrediting publicity to the RU and its members, including its founders and most active leaders Howard Bruce Franklin and Chicago agent Leibel Bergman, should be considered. This might be accomplished through established cooperative news media contacts possibly assisted through documentation allegedly prepared by the John Birch Society, the Black Panther Party or competitive communist groups such as the CP, USA, the CP, USA (Marxist-Leninist) and the Progressive Labor Party. (X) (U)

The above suggestions are for your consideration and are not intended to be all encompassing. No action to effect these techniques should be initiated by your office without prior Bureau authorization.

In view of the desire of the Bureau to promptly expose and neutralize the RU, you should assign sufficient personnel to the investigation so that all RU members will be included on the Security Index prior to the enactment of any recommended exposure, disruptive or neutralizing techniques.

Your specific recommendations should be submitted to the Bureau on or before 2/12/69.

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Re San Francisco airtels dated 12/19/68, 1/15
and 1/23/69.

San Francisco airtel dated 12/19/68 reflected
that investigative efforts against the RU would be re-
evaluated in light of development at the area meeting of
the RU, and San Francisco airtel dated 1/23/69, contained
a summary of developments at the [redacted] RU area meeting.
Set forth below are results of this matter in light of
most recent developments: (X)(U)

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In any discussion of the RU, it is incumbent
upon us not to lose sight of the essential nature of this
organization, that it is an intelligence operation and not
merely another domestic new left organization advocating
the violent overthrow of this country. We must consider
it as a tool of the Chicoms to be manipulated through
BERGMAN to the advantage of Red China. (X)(U)

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LEIBEL BERGMAN returned to the U.S. from Red China in late 1967, stating that he had a mission to recruit promising leftists pro-MAO youth for clandestine training in Red China against the day of Peking's need. It has been obvious from the beginning that BERGMAN's mission lay not in the espionage field but in the no less dangerous agitprop area.

In early 1968 BERGMAN formed the RU, recruiting some of the most promising young talent in the Bay area. Between that time and the present the RU has studied MAO and STALIN, analyzed and interpreted the situation in the U.S. along M-L lines and developed a Marxist-Leninist line for the defeat of U.S. monopoly capitalism, as set forth in the RU Prospectus submitted with San Francisco airtel dated 1/23/69. During this period membership in the RU has remained fairly constant at a hardcore of thirty-four. With the development of this hardcore membership and a viable line, the RU is now ready to surface and extend its influence. San Francisco regards the year 1968 as phase 1 of BERGMAN's mission. (U)

As the Bureau is aware, prior to the return of BERGMAN from Red China, we had no firsthand information as to the modus operandi the Chicoms had used or would use in making a penetration in this country, and it is believed that this investigation to date, through both live and sophisticated coverage, has developed extremely valuable information in our intelligence responsibilities vis-a-vis the Chicoms.

It is the considered opinion of this office that BERGMAN's intelligence mission and the RU is about to enter a second phase. There is no doubt but that BERGMAN knew he was going to Europe to meet the Chicoms prior to attending the 1/19/69 RU area meeting. According to [redacted] at that meeting BERGMAN fought hard against the RU surfacing and was finally able to effect a compromise on that issue, thereby possibly delaying the decision until after he returns from his meeting with the Chicoms. [redacted] noted that it was obvious that BERGMAN was seeking to delay the issue and that even his very close associate, LARRY HARRIS, while supporting him criticized him for delaying tactics. Consequently, it would appear that the decision whether to surface or not is an extremely critical point in BERGMAN's operation.

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According to [redacted] to date BERGMAN has managed to minimize any connection between himself and the Chicoms and has on several occasions told that informant that he does not want anything to happen which will bring himself and [redacted] to public attention, particularly any relationship between them and Red China. However, BERGMAN is now faced with a very strong movement within the RU for surfacing and his instructions from the Chicoms on this issue will be most significant. As viewed by this office, two possibilities exist: (a) the Chicoms will agree with surfacing in order to more effectively broaden the base of the RU, and upon his return BERGMAN will withdraw his objections to surfacing; or (b) the Chicoms will insist that the RU remain covert, thus leaving BERGMAN in the position of having to explain to the RU or at least to key influential members of the RU that he has discussed surfacing with the Chicoms and for stated reasons they believe that surfacing is premature. It is believed that BERGMAN would be most reluctant to have to take such a step which would reveal his connections with the Chicoms. If the RU then insists on surfacing, BERGMAN will either have to go along with surfacing contrary to his instructions from the Chicoms or must withdraw from the RU and start another covert group along the same lines.

It is the belief of this office that since surfacing is such a critical issue if we, by premature action, revealed our knowledge of and interest in the RU and the Chicoms wish it to remain covert, we may well force BERGMAN to withdraw from the RU and start a parallel covert group.

It is the strong opinion of this office that in the interest of the overall picture of our intelligence efforts against the Chicoms our paramount interest at this time is to determine the results of BERGMAN's latest contact with the Chicoms, both through live informants and increased sophisticated coverage and how this contact with the Chicoms will effect the future activity of the RU.

While it would be desirable to engage in counter-intelligence activity to expose and disrupt the RU, thus rendering it ineffective, it is not believed that such activity at this time will serve the best interests of our intelligence responsibilities. Since the RU membership has remained essentially the same over the past year, there is no reason to believe that membership will increase by any substantial

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number over the next several months. By attempting to neutralize the RU at this time, it is feared that we will only succeed in depriving ourselves of an all important opportunity to continue penetration of this Chicom intelligence operation.

San Francisco believes that our investigative goal at this point is to expand our coverage in this matter to obtain a clearer picture of what the Chicoms are attempting to accomplish through the utilization of BERGMAN as an intelligence agent. For example, BERGMAN at the last area meeting of the RU stressed the importance of the RU's contact with the Black Panther Party, and on 1/20/69, he indicated to [redacted] that he is in touch with [redacted] currently [redacted] of the BPP. The instructions which BERGMAN receives from the Chicoms regarding the BPP and the racial question in the U.S. as a whole would be extremely important in the Bureau's overall responsibility to assess the foreign influence in racial matters.

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Another extremely important area and one of the most important within our intelligence responsibilities is to determine the extent of direct foreign influence in the present campus confrontations and the extending of "destruction of the establishment" goal from the campus to the working community and society in general. Extremely significant will be the exposure of the tactics the Chicoms will have BERGMAN follow and the extent to which violence is to be utilized in accomplishing their goals.

This office feels strongly that the type of information necessary to accomplish the above objectives can be developed only through live informant coverage and increased sophisticated coverage. The desirability of interviewing various members of the RU in an effort to counter or curtail the activities of the RU has been carefully weighed by this office and it is the considered opinion of this office that such interviews should not be conducted at this time unless facts developed indicate that a particular individual would have definite informant potential. In arriving at this conclusion, it is pointed out that we are dealing with a breed who, with the exception of BERGMAN, have made no secret of their revolutionary stand and basically have little regard for the truth and, if willing to talk at all, would make only self-serving statements.

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However, on an individual basis every opportunity to cause friction within or defection from the RU of any individual will be carefully exploited where such can be done discreetly and without revealing our interest in the RU.

San Francisco believes that investigation at this point should be directed toward intensified investigation, including sophisticated coverage, of the most active and influential RU members in order to determine through their contacts and activities in other groups the extent of RU influence in and guidance of other subversive groups and activities in this area. Toward this end, it is believed that intensified investigation of BRUCE FRANKLIN and [redacted] of Palo Alto, [redacted] and [redacted] of San Francisco, and LARRY HARRIS, [redacted] and VERN BAUN in the East Bay, would be most productive and San Francisco is initiating such intensified investigation.

San Francisco wishes to point out its belief that we must borrow a page from the Chinese book and exercise patience in order to achieve our ultimate goal and not permit our enthusiasms to allow immediate tactical victories to jeopardize our ultimate aim.

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